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NO MORE 'INTER' MATCHES



BY DAVID JACK

NEXT weekend's inter-conference matches in the National Soccer League will be the last ever played.

It's not official yet but you can be quite certain that the remaining inter-conference fixtures this year will be scrapped. There will be none next year.

And not before time. The whole idea of flying teams from State to

State, attracting rock bottom attendances, was a flop from the start.

The twin horrors of

Not a spectator in sight at St George Stadium as Parramatta Melita's Howard Tredinnick is challenged by St George's Mark Barton

travel costs plus small attendances have killed off the challenge games between teams from different States. An official announcement to this effect will be made soon.

Many mistakes were made when the format for the 1984 National League was designed. Surprisingly, the clubs did not spot those mistakes until it was too

late and the season was in full swing.

Some good will come out of the shambles if the NSL makes sure it does not make a similar botch-up of its 1985 competition.

Yet already there are rumours of unbalanced divisions, 14 in one and only 10 in the other.

Already it is suggested that teams in one division will play each other three times while teams in the other division meet twice. That's untidy and likely to confuse spectators.

The biggest problem in this year's NSL was the complexity of the format. Bearing this in mind, the League should put simplicity above everything else as it plans for next year.

Home and away fix-

tures on alternate weekends are accepted as normal all over the world. Australia should fall into line. Why be different?

The National League faces a tremendously difficult task winning back its many disillusioned followers.

It cannot afford another poorly-planned competition in 1985.

And it certainly cannot afford a fixture list which causes some clubs to play five or six successive away matches ... as happened this time.

Soccer at NSL level needs to be planned sensibly on conservative lines without any gimmicky trimmings.

In 1985, it will get its last chance to put its act together.

ALAN DAVIDSON



IRAKLIS IN THE 'DAVO' QUEUE

BY ANDREW PASCHALIDIS

GREEK club side Iraklis, who toured Australia in the recent World Soccer Series, are keen to sign Socceroo defender Alan Davidson.

Davidson, one of the finest young products to wear the green and gold, was flattered by the Greek club's interest.

"I'm very happy and honoured to hear that they are interested in me," he said.

"My first priority is help South Melbourne win the championship.

"After that I'll just wait and see what happens," Davidson added.

Iraklis are prepared to meet Davidson's \$30,000 transfer figure

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BRISBANE SNUBS SYDNEY

BY GREG RUSSELL

QUEENSLAND's two NSL clubs, Brisbane City and Lions, do not want to play in the Sydney-based Australian Conference as suggested in one proposal for a new-look 1985 national Soccer competition.

Officials from both clubs will push for the acceptance of proposal 'B' which would see the two sides remain in the Melbourne-dominated National Conference.

Surprisingly, that is a turnabout from a year ago when the two clubs fought doggedly to be grouped with the Sydney sides when moves to split the National League were first mooted.

But the Brisbane clubs now believe they are in a better position to be able to sell themselves to sponsors as playing in a true national competition.

"We play teams from all centres except Adelaide, which gives our fans and players variety.

"If we were to be grouped in with the Sydney sides, the whole competition would lose its national flavour," a Brisbane City spokesman said.

Officials from the two Brisbane sides also believe it would be a mistake to attempt to radically change the NSL format again.

"I don't think the present format has been given a fair go. I agree that the inter and intra conference challenge idea has not been understood, but I think we should give the public more time to accept the present two conference system and its draw," a Lions official said.

EDITORIAL

IT might be a useful exercise for the National Soccer League to have another look at the import of "guest" players.

And the first question that should be asked and answered is... does Australia need guest players?

In theory, the guest player idea makes a lot of sense.

If a club can bring a top guest from overseas — for instance a player like Paolo Rossi or Karl-Heinz Rummenigge — and pay him a fee of around \$4,000 per match plus travel and hotel expenses, it could represent a sound business deal.

Providing the player is important enough, he would add, say, 5,000 spectators to the match attendances.

Simple mathematics reveals that, at

\$5 a head, the gross additional income would be \$25,000 at each home game.

Obviously these sort of figures inspired the move to bring guest players here: but something seems to have gone wrong somewhere.

The majority of clubs which have experimented with guest players have had their fingers burned.

In the past week or two, we have seen evidence of this.

Marconi arranged to bring Mateo Colucci and Rene Colusso here as guests, hoping their Italian background would lure Italian migrant spectators back to the games at Marconi Stadium.

At the last minute, Colucci pulled out of the deal because of difficulty in getting a clearance from his Italian club.

Colusso did get here but, like Colucci, he also ran into problems over a

clearance. Colusso had to accept the role of spectator in the match against St George in which he hoped to play.

Adelaide City also had some Italian problems recently.

They imported two players, Nello Scarpa and Tommaso Talarico, who, despite looking useful when they first arrived, were no world-beaters.

In their last outing last Sunday, the pair brought the verdict from ASW's Tom McKain that they will not be missed.

McKain also suggested another Adelaide City guest, Graziano Tavoni, will not be asked to stay.

Sydney clubs have dabbled in the guest player market several times over the years without really hitting a winner.

Charlie George, who came here with a big reputation when he was in his prime, finished up as a substitute on St George's bench!

A few guests have delivered the goods. For instance, Mick Channon, was quite popular with Newcastle KB United and Craig Johnston, with the same club, was always valued for money when he came to this country.

The major problem is the true stature of the guest stars.

Let's be honest — some of them are anything but star material and even some of the big names come just for an expenses-paid holiday.

It would help if the NSL laid down guidelines on the quality of imports... for instance accepting only players who have played a minimum six full international matches for their countries.

But perhaps the solution to the problem is even simpler. Maybe a complete ban on guest players is the answer.

We do not think Australian Soccer would suffer if this happened.

BUCK HAS STOPPED FOR NSL CASH

BY KEITH GILMOUR

THE buck has stopped with Australian Soccer Federation president Sir Arthur George in the fight for the \$240,000 sponsorship money in dispute between the National Soccer League and ASF Marketing Ltd.

Sir Arthur is to negotiate with Patrick Nally of sports underwriters West Nally Ltd whilst in the United States for the Olympic Games.

The recent ASF Executive meeting, which included the NSL representatives, went a long way to wipe out memories of players be-

ing told by the clubs not to report for national squad training in early June.

Actually much of what the NSL complained about proved to be correct, even though a nasty taste remains in the mouth.

It is odds-on that an Australian "B" team

will not be fielded again, and that any mid-season tournament will be confined to two weeks only.

The secret of the success of the ASF meeting is that the delegates gathered on the Friday night. Much of the formal Saturday business was cut and dried in advance.

Executive members were happy over the outcome of business and there was general agreement that chair-



SIR ARTHUR GEORGE

man Sir Arthur George had never been in better form.

OPTIONS FOR NSL CLUBS

BY GREG RUSSELL

AN interstate Soccer series, along the lines of Cricket's Sheffield Shield, could be introduced next year.

The series, to be played over four weekends through the season and culminating in a national final, is part of proposal "B" — one of four options for 1985 being considered by the National League clubs and Australian Soccer Federation.

Under proposal "B", the present NSL format would be relatively unchanged, but the Inter and Intra Conference challenges would be scrapped.

That would give a 22-round NSL season, leaving at least four weekends to play interstate matches without exceeding the length of this year's season.

The interstate ties, which would involve six States — including non-NSL States Tasmania and Western Australia — would be spaced evenly through the season, to replace the conference challenges.

Each State would play the others once with the top two teams at the end of the round-robin clashing in a final — possibly over home and away legs.

According to NSL quotes, the acceptance of proposal "B" would cost the clubs \$12,700 each in affiliation fees, leaving State Federations to finance the interstate series.

The NSL clubs paid \$20,000 affiliation this year, although that is likely to be about \$30,000 if the League is not reimbursed over the West-Nally sponsorship wrangle.

The other alternatives being considered by NSL clubs are:

Proposal "A" — leaving the format unchanged from this season (estimated cost: \$19,000 per club).

Proposal "C" — retaining the present conferences but changing the draw to proper home and away ties therefore doing away with the complex system of playing teams in the other division (estimated cost: \$12,800).

Proposal "D" — a restructuring of the conferences into a 14-team eastern division and a 10-team southern division (estimated cost: \$13,300 per club).

While Queensland has enthusiastically supported proposal "B" and South Australia also is believed to be very interested, proposal "D" is gaining most support from NSL officials and Sydney club heavyweights.

That trend is understandable.

The Brisbane and Adelaide sides play a mixture of teams from around the country and would have the majority of their players involved in any State team selected.

But some NSL clubs, particularly those which would provide none or very few players to their State side, are unenthusiastic about weekends off through the season for the interstate games and therefore have shied away from proposal "B".

They prefer proposal

"D", which would see the two Queensland teams drafted into the Sydney-based Australian division for a home and away, 26-match 14-team league.

The 10 remaining Melbourne and Adelaide sides would play three rounds, giving them a 27-match season.

The "spare" weekend for the Brisbane and Sydney teams would be allocated to an annual Queensland v New South Wales clash

IRAKLIS

FROM PAGE 1

as well as fly him to Greece before Australia sets out on its world tour in November.

South Melbourne president Leo Anezakis would be happy to see Davidson sign for Iraklis.

British club Nottingham Forest also declared their interest in Davidson during the World Soccer Series.

Last year, after a successful trial with German club Bayern Munich, Davidson went to England and impressed both Brighton and Arsenal.

The latter club have been trying to win a work permit for Davidson during the past few months.

Whatever the future holds, Davidson will not surrender his Australian citizenship.

"There is one thing I'll always want to do — play for Australia."

PEACE — BUT NO MONEY

WHILE the expected war between the NSL, the ASF, and the State Federations appears to have blown over, there is still a lack of ready cash.

It is a strange state of affairs that ASF president Sir Arthur George has to go to America to meet officials of West Nally in order to collect the \$240,000 "owed" to the NSL.

Did the World Soccer Series make money?

If it was run by the ASF marketing division then surely the ASF should make an an-

nouncement about the financial result.

The NSL now says it can survive without any West Nally sponsorship.

I agree the league can survive on the \$20,000 affiliation fees from the clubs — but can the clubs survive?

And where is the money coming from to finance the Socceroos'

World Cup campaign?

If the World Soccer Series did not show a profit, will there be a similar series next year?

BY TOM MCKAIN

And if there is a profit where will the cash go?

The NSL has demanded that in future it be

kept informed by promoters, or whoever, about the organisation and plans for competitions involving touring teams and the Socceroos.

It is also asking for guaranteed compensation for loss of revenue.

This all sounds good, but it would be wise to find out now if these tours are money-spinners or at least if there will be any cash left for the ASF and the NSL after expenses are met.

Getting back to the NSL, it is great to know the ASF and the NSL are chums again.

But not every club is like West Adelaide which raised \$148,000 through its "Miss Hellas" quest.

Nor is every club like Sydney City with a benevolent parent body which pours money out of its poker machines into the Soccer section which struggles to attract 1,000 fans to home matches.

Obviously there are other clubs in much worse positions, and while they may all be able to raise \$20,000, unless they get individual sponsorship — or the league is sponsored — the NSL must eventually die.

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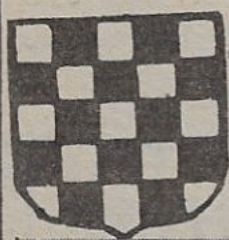
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MARCONI STADIUM DOUBLE-HEADER

SYDNEY CROATIA v ADELAIDE CITY

KICK-OFF: 2PM



VEDRAN ROZIC, ZELJKO JURIN AND EMIL DRAGICEVIC

CROATIA THREAT

SYDNEY CROATIA is ready to take on all NSL teams from here on now that they are reinforced with their star imports.

Adelaide City could be Croatia's next victim in the first of a double-header (2pm kick-off) at Marconi Stadium on Sunday.

Former Hajduk Split free-back, 29-year-old Vedran Rozic, will be playing his second match for Croatia. He made an enormous difference to the team against Brisbane Lions.

The second import, flank player Emil Dragicevic, is from Dinamo Zagreb, and is expected to make his debut this Sunday.

The main threat should come from Wally Savor, Graham Arnold and Brett Woods.

Croatia will have to watch Adelaide City's Charlie Villani, Steve Maxwell and Joe Mullen.

- JOHN ECONOMOS



WALLY SAVOR (right)



SERGIO MELTA (left)



JOE MULLEN



MARCONI v BRUNSWICK JUVENTUS

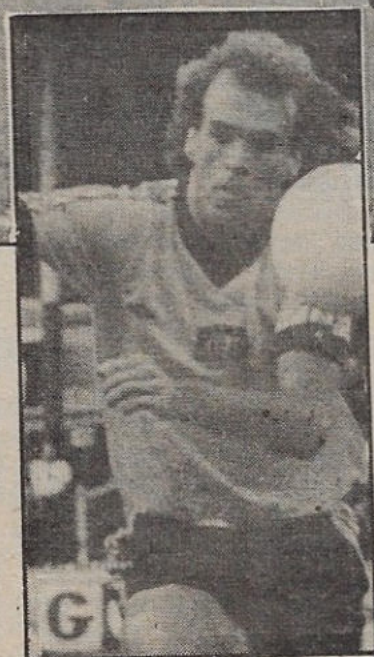
KICK-OFF: 4PM



BRUCE JAMES



LES SCHEINFLUG



MARK JANKOVICS



MARCONI CLIMB

MARCONI will be out to grab both points again in the late match of the double-header next Sunday against Juventus at Marconi Stadium.

Marconi are the form team of the NSL and have cracked successive victories to pick themselves up off the floor and move into third spot of the Australian Conference.

Stars like David Lowe, Tommy McCulloch, Tony Henderson, Mark Jankovics and most of all their superb goalkeeper Bruce James, are playing with full confidence.

James this year has been in spectacular form.

Marconi coach Les Scheinflug said: "Hopefully, unless we strike a bad spell of injuries, we can continue with our recovery till the end of this season."

- JOHN ECONOMOS



BILLY ROGERS



JOHN MARGARITIS



LOWE HAS LAST LAUGH

IT'S great to see David Lowe in such good form.

David had problems settling in with Marconi at the beginning of the season after such a successful period with Newcastle.

In our game against Marconi, David caused plenty of headaches, especially in the first half.

At the beginning of the season a lot of people were quick to criticise him for not quickly adjusting to his new club. David has answered his critics in the best way possible — by scoring goals.

Lowe was a popular attraction with the Newcastle crowd and I'm sure he'll develop into one with the Marconi followers. The game needs crowd-pullers, and David Lowe is undoubtedly one.

GREEK CROWDS GOOD FOR THE GAME

THE fine performances of Sydney Olympic, Heidelberg and South Melbourne in the National Soccer League can only be good for the game.

Not everyone realises how important it is for the code that all three teams remain near or at the top of the competition.

When they are all doing well, so is Soccer.

These three teams are the only CONSISTENT crowd-pullers in the country.

I always look forward to playing against Sydney Olympic because their supporters generate a great crowd atmosphere. All Soccer players love playing in front of large crowds.

It's a pity we don't have the annual "Greek derbies" in Sydney anymore. I'm sure Soccer lovers would like to see Australian internation-

Slater (left) chases Charlie Egan in a match for St George against South Melbourne last season

als such as Charlie Yanikos, Steve Blair, Alan Davidson and Charlie Egan on a regular basis.

With the restructuring of the National League this season, the only Greek derbies are between Heidelberg and South Melbourne — unless Olympic face either team in the Inter-Challenge rounds.



SAINTS' MARCONI JINX

MARCONI have proved to be a jinx for St George during the past couple of years.

When we visited Marconi Stadium recently, we kept a record intact — a record for losing that is!

In losing 1-4 — although the score wasn't a true indication of the game — we maintained our losing streak against Marconi.

We have never beaten them at Marconi Stadium since the League began. In the past three games we've lost 1-3, 0-4 and 1-4 — not a very impressive record.

Luckily we only travel there once a year!

AUST COACH TO ASSIST BRAZILIANS

SOUTH Australian coaching director Mike Wells has been asked to assist Brazilian Soccer.

He has agreed to become a professional adviser on books, written in English, for use in courses for third world coaches visiting Brazil.

BY TOM McKAIN

Last year, Wells visited Brazil and after gaining top honours at the Federal University of Rio de Janeiro was asked to stay on to help set up a plan for further education and training of local overseas coaches in Rio.

As he was due to visit Africa to organise courses on behalf of the Australian Soccer Federation and Australian Government, Mike had to decline.

Since his return he has been consulted by leading Brazilian coaches and professors in exercise physiology.

Wells' work with the Brazilians resulted in his nomination by professor Jos Ney for membership of the Brazilian College of Sport and Sciences.

Prof. Ney is in charge of the physiology of players at the famous Flamengo club and is also a senior professor at the laboratory of ex-

ercise physiology at the Federal University of Rio.

Commenting on the latest request from Brazil, Wells said it was an honour to be consulted as Brazil was a world leader in Soccer.

"For years, Brazil has tended to guard its secrets, and apart from helping many of the developing countries it is still difficult to break into their confidence."

"The doors are now opening and we must take advantage of



Brazil's skill and knowledge."

Wells has made roads and he won't be the only Australian invited to the Brazilian Football Academy.

BAD LUCK FOR QLD HOPEFUL

ONE of Queensland's most talented young full-backs, and one of the State's big hopes for the Australian Youth team, has been sidelined for the remainder of the season.

Outstanding Brisbane Lions full-back Shane Plazibatt broke a bone in his ankle in an intermediate League clash against Valley Trident at Perry Park a

fortnight ago.

Plazibatt, who State coach Bruce Stowell considered a chance of winning a place in the Young Seroos team to con-

Australia's World Youth Champions qualifying matches, injured his ankle when he fell heavily in a tackle. Plazibatt, who is being groomed as a natural replacement for Lions' NSL back Alan Niven, one of the stars of Queensland's Youth team at this year's national Under 19 Championships.

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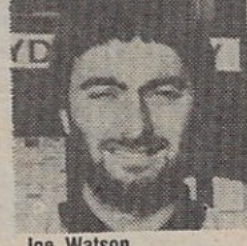
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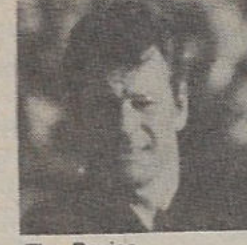
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HARD TIMES FOR CLASS OF '74

THE pressures on Peter Ollerton at Preston prompted me to ponder on the fate of some of Rale Rasic's 1974 World Cup squad.

BY MIKE JOHNSON



Two members of Australia's 1974 World Cup squad who have had mixed fortunes as NSL coaches this season — Peter Ollerton (top) and Adrian Alston

The "Class of '74" has been hit hard in recent times.

First there was the shock demise of the maestro himself, Rale Rasic at South Melbourne, followed by the equally shock sacking of Atti Abonyi by Sydney Croatia, then the removal of Jim Rooney at Melbourne's Green Gully.

Adrian Alston has survived a torrid time to be granted an extension of his contract at Wollongong and Manfred Schaefer is still hanging in with the difficult coaching assignment at Sydney Olympic.

Promotion

Ray Richards, John Warren and Peter Wilson are currently out of team coaching but Warren, through the media and junior coaching, and Richards, with Indoor Soccer, are still very much involved in the game.

Richards has shown himself possibly the outstanding businessman of the group, having consolidated his sportsgoods shops and

Indoor Soccer interests.

Warren is also involved successfully in several enterprises centred around the media and promotion of junior and schools Soccer.

Rasic also had a spread of interests at one time, but he has now cut these back to a main involvement in a successful insurance agency.

Abonyi has now embarked on the same career while keeping his Soccer options open through his position as assistant national coach to Frank Arok.

It would appear that full-time Soccer will be put behind both Rasic and Abonyi.

However, they can point to Australia's most successful club coach of recent years, Eddie Thomson, for proof that full-time coaching involvement is not the criteria for success in our Soccer.

A top team will always have many "leader" types in it.

The 1974 national team was certainly a

good team and it was stacked with people with leadership qualities, hence the preponderance of coaches who have come from their ranks.

The 1974 team are certainly the equal of the current national team.

The game has changed in the last decade. More defensive pressure, different skills.

Alston's mazy dribbles might be choked for space today.

But top players are top players in any era.

If the Abonyis, Richards, Warrens were playing today they would still be the top players they were in their time.

They would adapt to what was needed.

Ironically, Peter Ollerton was one player whom I thought might struggle as a coach, yet he has done remarkably well at Preston.

The fact that he survived three years is testimony of that in itself, and additionally he has constantly had Preston

up among the pacesetters.

The achievement of Alston winning a coaching contract whilst at the bottom of the league, in part ba-

lances up some of the blows suffered by the "Class of '74" in our unstable coaching environment.

READERS' FORUM

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GIVE YOUTH A CHANCE

THIS letter should really be sent to one of the daily Brisbane papers, but there would be no hope of it being published. I would like to bring to the attention of Soccer readers, especially in Queensland, some of the statements being made by Mr Ponturo, secretary (spokesman) of Brisbane City.

In recent articles he has stated this year City released or gave away 13 or so players to other clubs, and City had only received \$400 in return. If the truth be known, all those players left City because there was no future for them there.

There was a mass exodus of many talented players, most of whom were in City's youth

squad formed in 1983 by Jim Hermiston.

One of those boys who left is Mark Barry. He wasn't wanted by City as a potential NSL player at the start of the year, so they let him go on loan. The player was selected for Qld U19, and according to reports was one of the best players.

Back at club level, he asked City for a transfer to the club he was on loan to — so what do City do? Slap a \$5,000 fee on him, a boy of 18 years. Shame on you City — if you thought he was that good you should have put him in your NSL team before signing those players from the Sunshine Coast.

THOMAS N.A. BROWN, Aspley, Qld.

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HEIDELBERG	17	9	4	4	29	18	22		6	1	2	20	12	13		3	3	2	9	6	9	
MEL CROATIA	17	8	5	4	24	20	21		5	2	1	12	5	12		3	3	3	12	15	9	
BRUNSWICK	17	7	3	7	22	32	17		4	2	3	12	14	10		3	1	4	10	18	7	
FOOTSCRAY	17	6	3	7	19	19	15		2	1	5	8	10	5		3	2	3	9	8	8	
AD. CITY	17	6	3	8	17	18	15		3	3	4	11	10	9		3	0	4	6	8	6	
BRIS CITY	17	6	3	8	13	20	15		1	3	5	3	9	5		5	0	3	10	11	10	
PRESTON	17	5	4	8	23	26	14		2	3	3	13	11	7		3	1	5	10	15	7	
BRIS LIONS	17	5	4	8	23	27	14		3	3	3	14	15	9		2	1	5	9	12	5	
GR GULLY	17	5	4	8	17	27	14		3	2	3	12	12	8		2	2	5	8	12	6	
WEST AD	17	5	3	9	26	29	13		4	1	4	20	11	9		1	2	5	6	18	4	
SUNSHINE	17	3	5	9	13	33	11		1	3	4	4	7	5		2	2	5	9	26	6	

AUSTRALIAN CONFERENCE

SYD CITY	17	12	4	1	47	12	28	6	1	0	27	6	13	6	3	1	20	6	15
LEICHHARDT	17	9	5	3	29	18	23	6	0	2	13	6	12	3	5	1	16	12	11
MARCONI	17	9	3	5	39	22	21	7	0	2	23	9	14	2	3	3	16	13	7
OLYMPIC	17	7	7	3	33	20	21	3	3	2	14	11	9	4	4	1	19	9	12
PARRA MELITA	17	7	6	4	17	16	20	3	3	3	9	10	9	4	3	1	8	6	11
PENRITH	17	6	6	5	22	23	18	4	2	2	13	15	10	2	4	3	9	8	8
BLACKTOWN	17	6	5	6	23	28	17	4	4	1	16	11	12	2	1	5	7	17	5
ST GEORGE	17	5	6	6	23	24	16	3	5	2	16	13	11	2	1	4	7	11	5
CANBERRA	17	7	1	9	30	25	15	4	0	4	15	10	8	3	1	5	15	15	7
SYD CROATIA	17	5	5	7	18	27	15	1	2	4	5	13	4	4	3	3	13	14	11
NEWCASTLE	17	5	2	10	18	39	12	4	1	2	10	10	9	1	1	8	8	29	3
W'GONG	17	3	3	11	13	38	9	3	1	6	9	18	7	0	2	5	4	20	2

RESULTS

• WEST ADELAIDE 1 (Honeyman) FOOTSCRAY 2 (Karic, Lujic) at Hindmarsh Stadium. Crowd: 800.
 • BRISBANE CITY 0 HEIDELBERG 2 (Winn, Stevenson) at Spencer Park. Crowd: 752.
 • SUNSHINE 0 MELBOURNE CROATIA 0 at Chaplin Reserve. Crowd: 5,000.
 • SOUTH MELBOURNE 7 (Egan 4, Brown, Davidson, Blair) NEWCASTLE 0 at Middle Pk. Crowd: 2,500.
 • PRESTON 1 (Bhlevski) ADELAIDE CITY 2 (Melta, McMillan og) at Connor Reserve. Crowd: 1,500.
 • BRUNSWICK JUVE 1 (Lloyd) GREEN GULLY 4 (Lewis 2, McGuinness, Carter) at Olympic Park No 2. Crowd: 500.
 • SYDNEY CROATIA 2 (Arnold, Clinch) BRISBANE LIONS 1 (J. Stewart) at Tomislav Park. Crowd: 2,420.
 • ST GEORGE 1 (Ratcliffe) PARRA-MATTA 1 (Wilson) at St George Stadium. Crowd: 1,723.
 • BLACKTOWN 2 (Eaton, Pointer) LEICHHARDT 2 (Bradley, Dunleavy og) at The Gabbie. Crowd: 550.
 • CANBERRA 0 MARCONI 2 (Lowe, Sharne) at National Sports Centre. Crowd: 486.
 • SYDNEY CITY 4 (Lee 2, Rodrigues, O'Connor) SYDNEY OLYMPIC 3 (Patikas, Raskopoulos, Dakos) at Sydney Athletic Field. Crowd: 1,559.
 • WOLLONGONG 0 PENRITH 2 (Cotton, Jackson) at Wollongong Showground. Crowd: 604.

TOP SCORERS

15	—	Kosmina (SC)
11	—	D. Brown (SM)
10	—	Bradley (L)
	—	Lowe (M)
9	—	Winn (H)
	—	Katholos (SO)
8	—	Konstandopoulos (WA)
	—	Farina (CA)
	—	Patterson (H)
	—	McCulloch (M)
	—	Arnold (S. Cr)
7	—	Patikas (SO)
	—	Marton (SG)
	—	Sweeney (BJ)
	—	R. Brown (M)
	—	Jankovics (M)
	—	Brandt (NR)
	—	Fletcher (SC)



MELITA AGAIN OUT OF JAIL

BY JOHN ECONOMOS

PARRAMATTA MELITA scored an equalising goal almost three minutes after the regular 90 minutes, when referee Doug Rennie correctly kept adding time on for time-wasting by St George players at the St George Stadium.

The 1-1 result was not a true indication of the match. I felt the Saints had superiority, but squandered chances repeatedly, mainly due to the fact that they had too many youthful, and consequently inexperienced players.

The St George striking line of Batten, Koczka and Slater has to be the youngest in the League. And all three missed chances.

St George is badly missing the steadiness and experience of veteran

striker Dez Marton, who appears to be out for a further two to three weeks with hamstring problems.

Overall, this match was entertaining, despite a greasy, slippery pitch. Maybe at times it was too entertaining, especially by Melita who tried to play as if it was a dry track, and repeatedly lost possession.

Saints hit the lead four minutes after half-time, when their sweeper, and match

star, David Ratcliffe, belted a vicious 35 metre free-kick on target.

Melita goalkeeper Chris Hummel appeared to have the shot covered, getting both hands to the ball but failed to get his body behind it and it slipped through his hands and into the net.

The second-half saw Melita take a little more control.

Midfielder John Davies launched a "bomb" on the St George goal in the 70th minute from 35 metres but it went centimetres over the crossbar.

In the 81st minute, Melita's Alex Jamieson set up Ken Wilson with a lovely chipped-cross.

Wilson whacked a strong header from three metres only to see Saints keeper, Warwick Young, pull off a spectacular, reflex block.

Ricoy missed another chance sending his drive over the top, but into "extra-time," Melita's Johnny McKie laid on the equaliser.

McKie crossed into the St George box to find Wilson free 10 metres out, to guide a first-time side-footed shot into the net and snatch a very valuable League point for Melita.

Melita was best served by midfielders Davies and Donnie Allan, plus goalkeeper Hummel, despite his one error, and sweeper Ken Wilson.

Saints' best were Ratcliffe, once again, plus a welcome return to form by skipper Peter Stone and Koczka.

After the match, a dejected St George coach, Frank Lang said: "You saw it today. Inexperience cost us a point. The chances were there, but we repeated-

ly failed to capitalise on them."

Meanwhile a very happy Melita coach, Raul Blanco, stated: "We deserved the point. We never gave up and kept working. In the end we were rightly rewarded."

ST GEORGE: Young; Skeen, M. O'Shea, Ratcliffe, J. O'Shea; Barton, Stone, Ricoy; Slater, Koczka, Batten (Petkovski 72).

PARRA MELITA: Hummel; McAusland, McGinn, Wilson, Tredinnick; Jamieson, Davies, Allan (Andricopoulos 60), Griffiths; Laing, McKie. REFEREE: D. Rennie. CROWD: 1,723.



Action from St George Stadium as Melita midfielder Don Allan (white shirt) stretches in front of Saints Mike O'Shea

DUNLEAVY WAS SO UNHAPPY!

BY BRAD EARL

SWEeper Chris Dunleavy was an unhappy figure after the ball rebounded off him into goal for Leichhardt's equaliser in the 2-2 draw with Blacktown City at the Gabbie Stadium.

Dunleavy's "own goal" came in the 78th minute when substitute Leichhardt striker Tony Morsello's shot hit keeper Barry Hoare's legs and ricocheted off the in-form defender.

Blacktown took the lead after only six minutes, when midfielder Micky Quarmby made a strong run in from the right side, passed to Brett Thornthwaite, who chipped the ball into the penalty area and Clive Eaton pounced with a fine first-time shot.

They broke through again in the 24th minute

when Stuart Selvage's corner was headed in by Blacktown stopper and captain Cliff Pointer for his first goal of the year.

Goalkeepers Hoare and Leichhardt's Bobby Parkes had a busy afternoon and showed their agility with some good saves.

Leichhardt fought back in the second half and were dangerous around the edge of the area, but found it hard to penetrate Blacktown's solid backline.

It was a bad mix-up in the goalmouth that

gave Leichhardt their first goal, coolly netted by ever-reliable Johnny Bradley, and Dunleavy's misfortune gave the second-placed side the equaliser.

"Bad mistakes gave away the two goals," said Leichhardt coach Fil Bottalico, "but we had our chances, and we played well in the second half."

Like Bottalico, Blacktown boss Casey de Bruin said a point apiece was a fair result. "The boys showed a lot of commitment. Leichhardt had a lot of possession, but did nothing with it," he said.

In a good all-round effort, de Bruin was particularly pleased with Eaton and Phil O'Connor up-front.

O'Connor gave warning that he is getting

back to top form after long lay-off.

Young striker Micky McLaughlin had a cure of a thigh injury at training on Monday, and after 25 nutes Quarmby was placed with a sprained ankle.

However, the good news for the Demons that Rob Wheatley is his way back from knee ligament injury.

BLACKTOWN: Hoare; Skellern, Sh Dunleavy, Point Quarmby (Sandy Selvage, Byr Thornthwaite; O'Connor, Eaton).

LEICHHARDT: Parkes; Bozar Brown, Bertogna, len; Gray, Butler, dinnick; Bradley, ban (Morsello 48), Ceglie.

REFEREE: T. Day CROWD: 550.

NO HALTING THE MARCONI RUN

MARCONI's remarkable run of success — after starting the season with a string of bad results — continued against Canberra Arrows at Bruce Stadium, played in atrocious conditions due to constant rain.

Marconi returned home with a 2 - 0 victory, ample reward for the long journey and dreadful playing conditions on a very wet day.

The first goal (31 mts) was a Youth Socceroo affair, with Tom McCulloch's free-kick 20 metres out going square to the scorer David Lowe.

Marconi's second goal, 18 minutes from full-time, went to Peter Sharne after Mark Jankovics' free-kick was only partly saved by goalkeeper Anthony Franken.

Canberra had their share of the action but could not find a way to beat an in-form Marconi goalkeeper Bruce James.

CANBERRA ARROWS: Franken; Ontong, Jones, Mihailidis (Hogg 71), Sermani, Redmond, Reis (Lamond 81), Farina, Perinovic, Bryant, Brockbank.

MARCONI: James; Carter, Spanos (Driene 46), McCulloch, Henderson, Calderan, Mason, Lowe, Brown, Jankovics, Sharne. REFEREE: J. Celestrini. CROWD: 486.

DEFENCE? NO THANKS!



Midfield maestros move in as Olympic's Peter Raskopoulos disputes possession of the ball with Joe Watson of Sydney City at the Athletic Field

BY TOM ANDERSON.

I left Sydney Athletic Field on Sunday convinced that both teams thought the word "defence" meant the white wooden paling that surrounded the ground!

For the defensive style of both the Slickers and Olympic in the seven goal thriller won 4 - 3 by Slickers can only be described as "cavalier."

Tight marking and cover defence were definitely not the order of the afternoon and seemingly not in the playing manual of these teams as they threw everything but the kitchen sink at each other.

Not that I'm complaining as it was one of the most entertaining encounters of the season and one that was thoroughly enjoyed by the 1,559 people inside the ground and the hundred or so Olympic supporters outside the ground who took it upon themselves to place a ban on the game.

Certainly it was not a game for the purists but it was one for the paying customers — and at the present time they are the people who have to be catered for.

Goals are going to get the missing fans back and there were plenty of them in this match.

They came in all styles with Grant Lee (2), Steve O'Connor and Ean Rodrigues on target for Slickers and Peter Raskopoulos, Jim Patikas and Tony Dakos netting for Olympic.

Four of the goals came from free kicks and one from a corner in an afternoon where close marking was thrown to the wind.

However, on an afternoon when the heavens opened and the rain came tumbling down, conditions underfoot were difficult.

This is where the skills of Jinky Joe Watson and Willie Murray stood out for the Slickers and it was these

skills that won the day.

Socceroo striker Marshall Soper did not play for Olympic and the mind boggles on what might have happened had he been present.

All in all it was indeed a remarkable afternoon, thoroughly enjoyed by all and sundry.

Who the heck wants to watch dull defensive football when you can get action such as this?

SYDNEY CITY: Pezzano; Rodrigues, O'Connor, Cant, De Marigny; Kay, Watson, Barnes; Lee, Kosmina, Murray (Fletcher 72).

SYDNEY OLYMPIC: Meier; Rogers, Coady, Dakos, Jennings; Patikas, Phillips, Raskopoulos; Koussas, Theodorakopoulos, Katholos (Kalandis 78).

REFEREE: Gary Power.

CROWD: 1,559.

COTTON KILLS HIS OLD CLUB

BY PHIL MURPHY

FORMER Wollongong City striker Roy Cotton scored a gem of a goal to set Penrith City on the way to a 2-0 win over his old club at Wollongong Showground.

Cotton struck home his "killer goal" after 37 minutes and Wollongong never really recovered.

Brian Jackson floated in a cross from the left wing and Cotton eluded his marker to hammer an angled shot into the roof of the Wollongong net.

It was Cotton who laid on the second goal for Penrith after 66 minutes, providing the cross for Jackson to score.

In a game that came to life only in the second half, Penrith adapted their play better to the heavy conditions, grafting hard for the two points.

Wollongong had their chances, the best two falling to Scott Dickson, who headed just over the top, and replacement Glenn Fontana, who shot wide after full-back David Green overlapped well on the right.

The home team's new-look centre-back combination of Ray Vlietstra and Dickson again performed well, and coach Adrian Alston will persevere with them for the rest of the season.

Centre-half David McIntosh was the pick of the Penrith side, winning every ball he went for in the air and drawing praise from his coach after the game.

Coach Willie Wallace said: "McIntosh had a top game and there are few players in his position in the League to match him at the moment."

WOLLONGONG: Tilsed, Green, Vlietstra, Dickson, Fleming, Bundalo, Gaffney, Hristovski (Fontana 55), Willis, Kotamanidis, Kerr.

PENRITH: Gibson, Brogan, Cross, Daley, McIntosh, Wotherspoon, Hunter, Campbell, Cotton, Hale, Jackson.

REFEREE: P. Rampley.

CROWD: 604.

FRANK DOGGED BY BAD LUCK

BY GREG RUSSELL

THE second defensive error in as many weeks by defender Frank Liddell put Brisbane City on the way to yet another home defeat when they lost 2-0 to Heidelberg United at Spencer Park.

Liddell, City's tower of strength in defence this season, made a poorly weighted back-pass to his goalkeeper Kim Wishart to set up Heidelberg's new striker, Stewart Stevenson, in the 66th minute.

Stevenson accepted the gift, rounded Wishart and coolly took his time to slot the ball into the open net despite a late desperate plunge by Liddell.

It has been a tragic run of outs for the big Scotsman, who undoubtedly has been City's most consistent and best player.

A week ago Liddell missed a clearance which resulted in the winning goal for Melbourne Croatia when they beat City 1-0 at Spencer Park.

"When one of your best players makes a mistake like that, what do the other players think?" City coach Joe Gilroy asked, lamenting the Heidelberg defeat which maintained his team's run of losses at home and brought a heated outburst from the City fans at fulltime.

Heidelberg dominated the early proceedings and Wishart, the best player on the pitch, made two fine saves inside the first seven minutes. But after that the match fell away to one of long, misdirected kicks up and down the park.

Neither team looked like scoring, but when the visitors were presented with their gift goal, Heidelberg took control and rubbed salt into the City wound when Steve Winn headed in a second off a

Mike Valentine corner in the 72nd minute.

Winn, who for the most part was well controlled by Liddell, could have had a third just 10 minutes later, but completely missed a volley from close-range.

City's best and probably only real scoring opportunity fell for Bobby Hamilton who, with only keeper Jeff Olver to beat, blasted his shot well over the cross-bar.

BRISBANE CITY: Wishart; Perry, Milovanovic, Liddell, Bromfield, O'Maye, Pimblett, Fabrizio, Hughes (Hamilton 61st), Glockner (Swan 65th), Walsh.

HEIDELBERG UNITED: Olver; McKie, McCloud, Yankos, Angele, Valentine, Selemidis, Petersen, Stevenson, Winn, Patterson.

REFEREE: A. Kibler.

CROWD: 752.

WEE CHARLIE SCORES FOUR IN LANDSLIDE

BY CON NIKOLOPOULOS

"WE are the champions," chanted South Melbourne supporters after their team crushed Newcastle Rosebud 7-0 at Middle Park.

The landslide win was highlighted by a four goal performance by Australian striker Charlie Egan.

A brilliant goal by Doug Brown in the 17th minute opened the floodgates. The goal could easily be the best of the year. He hammered a Halford cross with a spectacular scissor kick.

Newcastle collapsed after the first goal allowing South Melbourne to completely dominate the game through their tireless midfield.

Egan struck for the first time after 21 minutes when he headed home a corner by Brown.

Alan Davidson capped a brilliant first half performance with a goal in the 40th minute - again from a Halford cross.

With South Melbourne leading 3-0 at the break, Newcastle appeared very weak and unable to score against a solid Souths defence.

Egan scored his second goal in the 47th minute after the Newcastle goalkeeper failed to control a ground

shot by Halford.

Newcastle sunk deeper in the 58th minute when Steve Blair increased the margin with a powerful header from a Brown cross.

Newcastle were reduced to 10 men in the 70th minute when referee Burnie Upjohn sent Boogaard off for allegedly striking Egan behind play.

Egan continued the romp in the 76th minute when he found the net a third time and five minutes before full time he scored the seventh goal of the game to make it a record national league win for South Melbourne.

SOUTH MELBOURNE: Laumets, Russell, Kalifatidis (Postecoglou 48), Blair, Yzendoorn, Halford, Davidson, Crino, Brown, Egan, Murphy.

NEWCASTLE ROSEBUD: Hampton, Maier, Power, Boogaard (sent off 70), Thompson, McQuarrie, Senkalski, Brandt, Milosevic, Jones, Johns.

REFEREE: B. Upjohn.

ATTENDANCE: 3,500.



South Melbourne's four goal hero Charlie Egan (right)



ROUND UP

NO GOALS BUT ENTERTAINING

SUNSHINE
George Cross and Melbourne Croatia played an entertaining 0-0 draw at Chaplin Reserve.

The draw caused Melbourne Croatia to

slip one point behind the joint leaders of the National Conference, South Melbourne and Heidelberg.

BY HARRY HALL

Contrary to what the scoreline suggests, it was an incident packed game that gave the 3,000 supporters a lot to

enthus about.

Melbourne Croatia created the better of the scoring opportunities but solid defensive work by George Cross prevented them from scoring.

Sunshine George Cross had their share of scoring chances throughout the game

but they were denied every opportunity to beat Peter Blasby by Croatia's well organised defence.

Sunshine George Cross coach Bill Wilkinson was full of praise for his players after the game.

Wilkinson pointed out that George is im-

proving by the day as the players gain more confidence and experience.

Croatia coach Tony Vrzina, however, was disappointed with the result though pleased the performance of his side.

Vrzina insisted that

Melbourne Croatia are still among the contenders for the championship title.

SUNSHINE
GEORGE CROSS: Costello, Bennett, Taylor, Scerri, Toal, Jovanovic, McGorian, Bain, Faulkner, D. McLaren, Latif.
MELBOURNE

CROATIA: Blasby, Curcio, Parton, Deanah, Antolovic, P. Lewis, Biskic (Campbell 82), Brogan, Cumming.

REFEREE: C. Bambridge.

ATTENDANCE: 3,000.

WEST CAN'T GET GOALS

BY TOM McKAIN

WEST ADELAIDE had the game against Footscray won in the first half at Hindmarsh Stadium but lost 2-1.

It was the old story of having all the play and failing in front of goal.

When the teams went in at half-time with the score 0-0, it appeared only a matter of time when Wests would take the lead — but it was the Victorians who grabbed it in the 47th minute with a power-laden free-kick from Tom Karic just outside the West box.

His shot screamed high and straight into Gary Sproul's top corner.

Zdravko Lujic made it 2-0 in the 70th minute when he beat West defender Chris Manou and raced on into the box to go round keeper, Sproul, who was one of the few stars.

West's goal came from a twice-taken penalty by Graham Honeyman, after striker, George Konstandopoulos, had been brought down by Gary McDowell.

Goalkeeper Dennis Boland saved Honeyman's first attempt, but referee Mike Browning ruled the keeper had dived before Honeyman kicked the ball and the home skipper made no mistake with his second effort in the 82nd minute.

In that stunning first half Tim Brown, Theo Stamatopoulos, John Panagis and Nick Malavazos all had chances to score but failed... with Malavazos and Stamatopoulos the main culprits with Boland at their mercy.

In the second half, Brown had Boland stranded with a header, but the ball hit the bar and came out.

At the other end of the field, Sproul parried shots from Tony Caban and held one from Karic in the first half; then in the second, stopped another from Lujic.

With time running out, West's coach, Sam Salabasidis, switched Honeyman from centre-back to midfield, and brought on his two substitutes and while it made a difference it is obvious Wests are still suffering from fielding too many young players who drop their bundle in the second half and freeze in front of goal.

In contrast, Fred Cirkovic's players kept plugging away with Lujic an inspiration along with Jim Tansey and Caban always boring his way into the defence backed up by some excellent play-making by McDowell and Brian O'Donnell.

WEST ADELAIDE: Sproul: Hiern, Honeyman, McGachey, McGregor, Brown, Manou, Panagis (Papadopoulos 70), Malavazos, Konstandopoulos, Stamatopoulos (Mousoulis 55).

FOOTSCRAY: Boland: Hazabent, Curovic, Kyriakouleas (Perez-Reigoza 41), McDowell, O'Donnell, Karic, Carroll, Lujic, Caban, Tansey.

REFEREE: M. Browning.

CROWD: 1,076.

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Preston defender Con Opasinas ...

PRESTON CAN'T ARREST SLUMP

BY ROBERT TRAINER

PRESTON tumbled to their fifth successive defeat — this time going down at home to Adelaide City 2-1.

The replacement of Peter Ollerton with assistant coach Frank McAlear a fortnight ago has not changed the club's fortunes.

It was the third time they had gained an early lead and subsequently lost the game. Preston went into the lead after eight minutes when Soccerod Con Opasinas crossed the ball from the left. Buggsy Nyskohus missed the ball and Bellevski hammered the ball into the net.

With seconds left before the break, Adelaide City were awarded a penalty after Zarko Odzakov had handled the ball inside his area in a desperate attempt to clear a cross by Tobin. Sergio Melta converted the penalty.

Preston looked an average side in the second half mainly because their keen midfielder Odzakov did not

perform to his best.

While both teams appeared content with one point, Adelaide City were given the opportunity to celebrate an away win in the 83rd minute when George McMillan beat his own goalkeeper with a header in his attempt to clear a cross by Maxwell.

Preston did not create any real scoring opportunities in the remaining seven minutes, despite some good efforts by Gary Cole.

PRESTON: Potter, Opasinas, Petrovski, Belevski, Dobson, McMillan, Patevski (Hey 67), Cole, Dunn, Odzakov, Campbell.

ADELAIDE CITY: McNally, Shillabeer, Nyskohus, Tobin, Flounders, Melta, De Vito, Villani, Mullen, Maxwell, Gatenby.

REFEREE: D. Voutsinas.

ATTENDANCE: 1,200



PAUL LEWIS (left): unsuccessful

CLASSIC IN THE RAIN

BY KEITH GILMOUR

GOALS from Graham Arnold and Shane Clinch helped to edge out Brisbane Lions in a wet weather epic at King Tomislav Park.

The 2,402 crowd would have been doubled except for the atrocious weather as Hajduk Split captain Vedran Rozic made his first appearance for the club.

The other guest, Dinamo Zagreb winger Emil Dragicevic watched proceedings from the press box as

his clearance had not arrived.

Dragicevic enjoyed the match. "It was an excellent game under the ground conditions," he told me through an interpreter afterwards.

Rozic gave strength to the back and produced a quick ability to move into position when the occasion demanded.

Croatia's excellent form was well and truly matched by the Lions in one of the best wet weather exhibitions that I can recall.

Harry Noon, the Croatia coach who ear-

lier this year was with Lions, allowed that the Brisbane boys had put up a great display.

Rod Vasquez directed his defence well; Rob Farrow showed some magic between the sticks; Calvin Daunt's height troubled the Croatia backs and Joe Cairney was particularly constructive.

The hard-working Zeljko Jurin turned Arnold on for Croatia's first goal and early in the second Shane Clinch simply waltzed through to score a second.

John Stewart pulled

one back when the Lions mesmerised the defence. The poured on the pressure without managing to score again in what was a game full of worthwhile chances.

CROATIA: Watson, Woods, Tomasic, Clinch, Sterrey, Rozic, Jurin, Savor, Arnold, Boden (Borges 46), Rozic (Meades 25).

BRISBANE LIONS: Farrow, Jackson, Vasquez, Hunter, Nive, R. Stewart, J. Stewart, Cairney, McDonag, Junna, Daunt.

REFEREE: K. Small.

CROWD: 2,402.

CHIT HAT



WHENEVER Canberra Arrows make a defensive error — and they've made quite a few — coach Doug Collins laments the absence of centre-half Peter Burke.

"Burke's injury in an NSL Cup match was a disaster for us," said Collins.

The player will not be in action until 1985.

■■■
A SYMBOLIC gesture by young Brisbane Lions defender Alan Hunter in the recent clash with Wollongong proved to be a costly exercise.

New coach Gordon Arrowsmith demonstrated he should not be taken lightly when he fined Hunter for his obvious questioning of an instruction from the bench.

WOLLONGONG referee Rex Leighton made a successful NSL debut recently.

Leighton gained the Wollongong City-Brisbane Lions game at the last minute due to a mix-up over fixtures.

He was the senior linesman and took the whistle when Richard Lorenc didn't appear.

It seems Terry Seacy originally had the game but was overseas and Lorenc was then given the Wollongong assignment. Lorenc didn't get the message and he went to a Sydney ground for his original appointment.

Leighton did a good job and should become a regular fixture at NSL games in 1985.

WEST ADELAIDE coach, Sam Salabasidis will make another bid to sign Socceroo striker and captain John Kosmina for next season.

He tried this year but Kosmina, originally from Adelaide, decided to remain with Sydney City and push his claims for retention in the Socceroo squad.

And it is that latter goal which could mean West again missing out on his signature.

■■■
SLOVAN BRATISLAVA want to tour Australia in January next year and the ASF is seriously considering accepting the offer.

There are two big problems the ASF must examine before saying "yes." First, there are not enough Czech migrants here to produce big crowds and secondly, January is a most unsuitable month for Soccer in Australia.

Even Czechoslovakia's national team was not attractive enough to make a profit when it toured here a few years ago.

NO names, but it's true.

A player who judged himself to be on eight penalty points decided to get himself booked in a State League game because the following week his team was due to play the bottom team.

He got the booking, then discovered his club was not, after all, playing the bottom side.

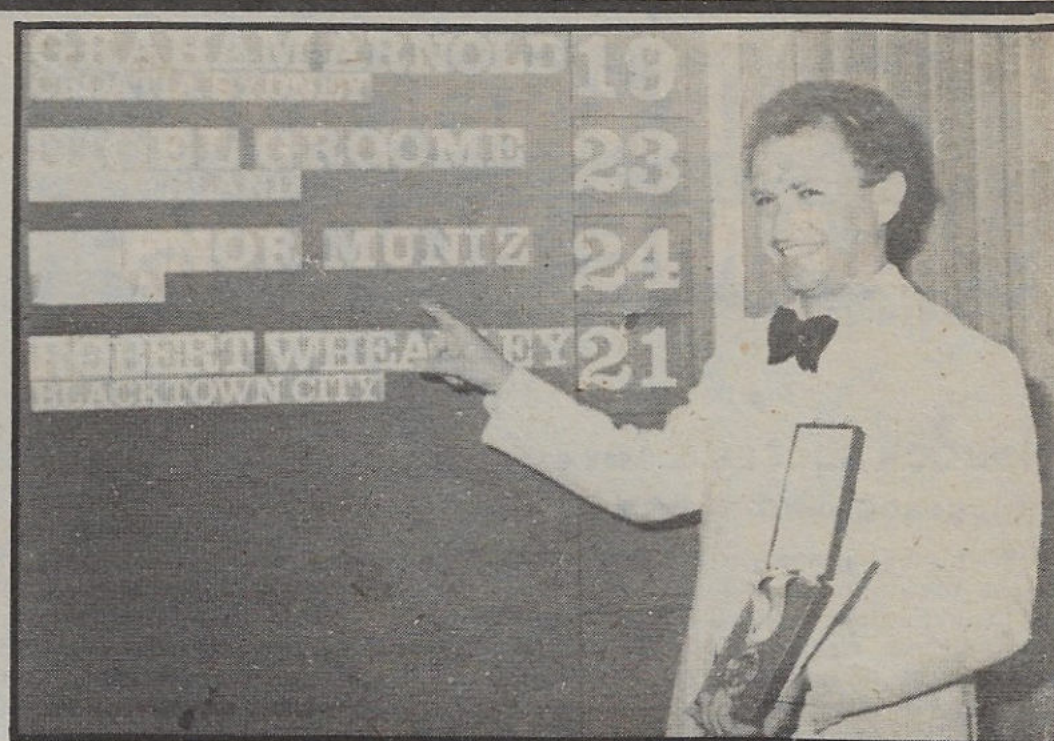
And then he found he had only received two penalty points, so now he is sitting on 10 points and sweating every time he makes a tackle.

■■■
ADELAIDE'S two NSL clubs are in the embarrassing position of having their reserve teams struggling in the SA State League First Division.

City are sitting in second bottom position and in danger of being relegated back to Second Division, where they played last year.

West started well, but have now started to slide and are in ninth spot.

Brisbane Lions' Alan Hunter (left) in action against Alex Bundalo in the NSL match against Wollongong



AGENOR MUNIZ with his 1983 NSW Rothmans Medal

LATEST chapter in the Newcastle-Adamstown goalkeeping saga is that while Clint Gosling has apparently recovered enough to consider himself a chance for New Zealand national team selection, Adamstown goalies Steve Dorman and Bruce Terry are still sidelined with a shoulder injury and broken ribs respectively.

Fourth choice 'keeper John Street got his chance at the top and promptly fell foul of the jinx by fracturing a toe.

Over at Hamilton Red Star, ex-Newcastle United reserve goalie Robert Cox was performing miracles and regretting that he hadn't undertaken dual registration so he might be released to plug the gap in the NSL ranks.

However, the irrepressible Cox is a man not easily denied. When not dominating his own penalty area he is sometimes seen in the opposition zone taking Red Star's penalties.

■■■
BRISBANE CITY officials are continuing their search for a replacement for sturdy defender Frank Liddell, whose visa requires him to return to Scotland at the end of the season.

City had no luck in approaches to young Olympic defender Mick Cernaka, but were hopeful of signing Mount Gravatt's David Costa.

But Costa, a builder, has told City officials he does not have the time presently to make a proper go of NSL and to come back and see him at the beginning on next year. So City officials continue their search.

■■■
FOUR coaches of NSL clubs in NSW were opposed to their old clubs in last weekend's matches — a strange coincidence.

Willie Wallace (Penrith) was up against Wollongong; Raul Blanco (Melita) took his team to play St George; Harry Noon (Sydney Croatia) faced Brisbane Lions and Doug Collins (Canberra Arrows) had Marconi as opponents.

AGENOR MUNIZ, the former Socceroo who had a spell with Adelaide City in the NSL, is still a favourite in South Australia.

Vacation Soccer Schools, headed by former West Ham and Scotland goalkeeper Bobby Ferguson, will fly Muniz to Adelaide during the September school holidays for their coaching clinics.

■■■
MIKE FRASER, out of Soccer since his dispute over terms with St George, is in no hurry to return to the game.

One of the best goalkeepers around, Mike is staying "retired" even though he is only 26.

When Terry Greedy was injured a few weeks ago, it was expected that an approach would be made to Fraser by Saints. No approach came.

Now in a new job with AGL, Fraser is enjoying his work — but he is a big loss to Soccer.

■■■
FEDERICO GORDON, billed as the "Leichhardt Maradona," failed to show up when he was expected in Sydney last week.

Gordon, who plays for Argentina's River Plate club, was stuck in Los Angeles and could not complete his journey to Australia.

All is well, now. Gordon has overcome visa problems and has been booked to fly Air New Zealand, leaving L.A. today (Tuesday).

Leichhardt must be hoping this deal is not a carbon copy of the Rene Houseman affair a few years ago which left Sydney City with egg on its face.

ON the South Coast, Wollongong City supporters can forget about watching their team play at home for six weeks.

Brilliant strategy by the NSL has resulted in Wollongong being drawn away from home for six successive weeks.

If that is promoting the game in Wollongong, Soccer will die a natural death in the city.

Club officials are saying they will make sure this doesn't happen again but the damage is already done.

People want continuity when following a football team, even one on the bottom of the league and it is no wonder crowds are dropping off alarmingly in an area that was once the stronghold of Soccer outside Sydney.

■■■
ANDREW LEDERER, Australia's team manager, says the Socceroos' off-season world tour should be limited to a maximum four or five weeks.

"The players get bored with longer tours," said Lederer.

The squad will fly out in the first week in November and should be back in Australia by about December 8.

■■■
"THERE will be no World Series Soccer next year here until the clubs in the National League have been consulted," said NSL vice-chairman Tony Labbozzetta.

He also made it very clear that club Soccer will not suffer a month-long break in 1985 as it did this year.



DOUG COLLINS

THE INDOOR GAME BOOMS

BY ANDREW PASCHALIDIS

INDOOR SOCCER is fast emerging as one of Australia's biggest growth sports.

With the announcement of an international tournament to be staged at the Melbourne Entertainment Centre in November, Australia now has the chance to be recognised on a world wide level.

Sanctioned by FIFA (Federation Internationale de Football Association) — the world governing body — teams from USA, Canada, China, Brazil, Japan, New Zealand and Australia will be competing.

The Brazilians are the current World Champions and will prove a formidable side for anyone to beat.

A special court has been designed and manufactured in the USA for the tournament at a cost of \$80,000.



invited to future international tournaments. Next year an Australian men's team will be selected to compete in the World Championships to be played in Europe."

As well as the international tournament for men, overseas competition has been ar-

peting in the NSW Youth League competition.

The Australian Youth team, comprising males under the age of 19, will be touring Japan in November. Most of this team successfully toured the U.S. West Coast last year.

Two sides, U14 boys and U15 boys, will be travelling to New Zealand in November. Both teams will be playing against select regional teams as well as competing in a National tournament.

These tours can only further develop the standard of the sport in Australia. Brent is confident that Australia will develop into one of the strongest countries in the world.

"If we look after the game from a grass roots level, Indoor Soccer will continue to grow," he said.

"Sending our juniors overseas for international competition will improve their individual standard."

"Our first priority is to improve and develop the game at a junior level so we can produce top-class players," Brent concluded.

The introduction of the Super League competitions during the summer months at St Clair, Revesby, Kellyville and Hornsby are a great boost for the game.

As well as the \$2,000 prizemoney at each centre, there will be an additional \$3,000 up for grabs in a play-off series for the top two teams in each competition.

Indoor Soccer has grown beyond all expectations. Introduced because the bad weather forced outdoor teams to train indoors, it has catapulted in a very short period.

As Brent says: "Indoor Soccer is here to stay."



Joe Brent, the Australian Amateur Indoor Soccer secretary, is confident that Indoor Soccer will continue to grow.

"For a six-a-side game that started from virtual obscurity and now boasts over 62,000 registered players, the future definitely looks promising," he said.

"Now we are recognised by the world governing body and will be

ranged for other Australian teams.

Under 16 boys and U16 girls teams will be touring America in November taking in Los Angeles, Florida and San Francisco. Both teams will conclude their tour playing in the National Championships in Las Vegas.

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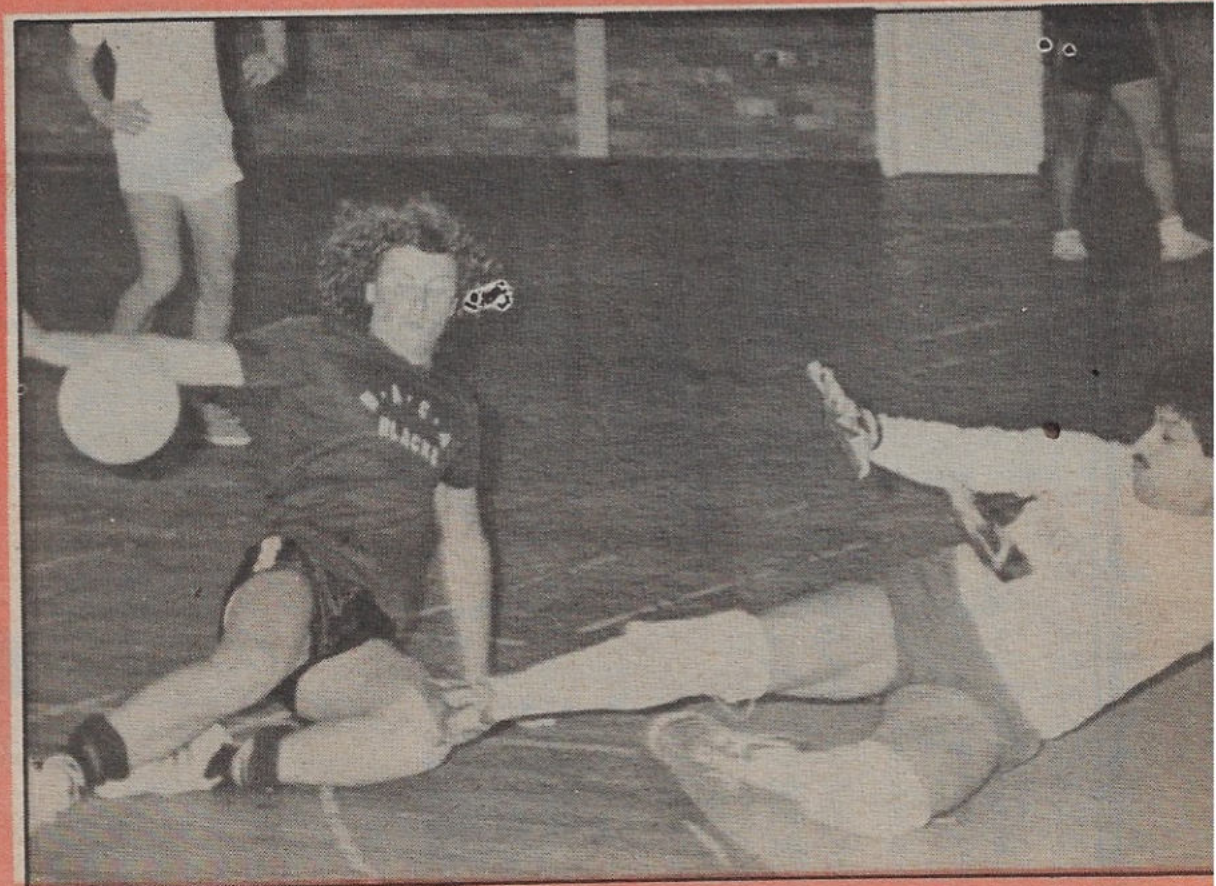
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NSW HAVE EDGE

WITH the result in doubt right until the last game, the Under 15 National Championships proved once again that they are a worth addition to the Australian Women's Soccer scene.

Held at Adamstown in Newcastle, the programme was held over three days from July 6-8.

The opening game of the championship was played between NNSW and Tasmania.

Although Northern won this game 3-1, the Tasmanians were full of confidence and showed that their ability was not lacking.

South Queensland played NSW in the second game of the opening day, with a 2-0 win to NSW.

The last match was between the ACT and Victoria.

It turned out to be a flowing game with ACT having the edge on their heavier opponents, even though the result was a 2-2 draw.

The following morning saw the start of a marathon effort by these young girls when all teams played twice on each of the days.

Sth Queensland opened the bidding by taking a game from ACT 1-0, and this was followed by the Victorian girls marking up

their first win by defeating Tasmania 2-0.

In the NSW v Nthn NSW encounter, the girls from the Waratah State streaked away with two 'shock' early goals, one by Clark in the fourth minute and followed by Hebb two minutes later.

Over confidence became their worse enemy however, and Northern got back into the game in the second half to level 2-2 by the final whistle.

In the afternoon, Sth Qld and Victoria played out a 1-1 draw, and Northern NSW increased their goal average by defeating a determined but luckless ACT side 4-1.

NSW had a field day when they took on Tasmania.

Promising forward Amanda Walker scored the first of her hat-trick in the first minute.

From then on, it was a procession goalwards for the Light Blues as Walker scored three, Hebb two and Cuddy two in the shredding of the Tasmanian defence.

The first game on the

DON BALMAIN'S

WOMEN'S SOCCER

third day of play was the forerunner of a round of sensations.

Victoria opened with a well-drilled defence to hold the Northern NSW side to a 0-0 draw in the first game.

South Queensland followed to take two points from a luckless Tasmania side.

ACT surprised everyone but themselves when they took on NSW and held them to a 0-0 draw.

NNSW took the field against Sth Qld in the next game which proved to be the game of the tournament.

With the scores between NSW and Nthn NSW very close, Queensland had to contain the Northerners for NSW to be reasonably sure of taking the title.

Despite both teams

throwing everything but the goal posts into the game, the match resulted in a 0-0 draw, thanks to the brilliance of the Sth Queensland goalkeeper.

As perhaps an anticlimax, NSW took the field against Victoria in the next game.

Three goals by Walker, Hebb and James in the first half sealed the match for the NSW girls.

The final match of the championship was between ACT and Tasmania, and the Canberra kids had no trouble in winning 2-0.

The closeness of the tournament was apparent as NSW took out the championships on goal averages, highlighting the fact that there were so many outstanding players in each of the teams.

MET WEST MAIDS SUCCESSFUL

METROPOLITAN West girls captured the NSW Combined High Schools Inter-Regional title with a stirring 5-4 win over North Sydney on penalty kicks.

Classed as the best game of school-girls Soccer in memory, the teams ended scoreless at the end of extra-time and the game was won on the last kick.

Assistant convenor Sue McNamara commended the players for their tremendous spirit. "We just couldn't believe the class of football we saw," she said.

North Sydney won a penalty kick for handball early in the second half.

Rhonda Withers' shot was saved by Met West goalkeeper Wendy Volkeine.

Two goals from Lisa Dunne of Glendale gave the Hunter Region third place in a 2-0 win over Met East.

In the fifth place play-off, Liverpool defeated South Coast 3-0, whilst North Coast defeated Riverina for seventh position by the same score.

It was Riverina's first entry into the series. Organisers hope to welcome West and North West in the

future.

Although Hunter only ran third, their players caught the eye and they were well represented in the NSW CHS squad for the ACT game at Marconi Stadium at 1.30 pm on Thursday, August 2. The NSW v ACT boys game will follow at 3 pm.

The NSW girls squad is: Chris Ashcroft (Chatswood), Melinda Bailey (Gateshead), Debra Bonshore (Gateshead), Margaret Clarke (St Marys), Lisa Dunne (Glendale), Virginia Eastman (Blaxland), Sharyn Fricker (Cabramatta), Julie Hebb (Bidwill), Helen Watts (Merewether), Lee-Ann Whalan (Riverstone), Tracey Wheeler (Northmead), Rhonda Withers (Beacon Hill), Debbie Woodward (The Entrance). Shadow squad selections: Jodie Druce (Sir Joseph Banks), Leonie Geribo (Fort Street), Felicity Huntington (Bidwill), Wendy Volkeine (Cambridge Park).

HERE COME AIS

BY PETER RUSSELL

LEICHHARDT retained their lead at the top of the National Youth League with a convincing 3-0 victory over Blacktown Demons at the Gabbie Stadium.

AIS moved into second spot with two 3-1 wins, over Newcastle and Croatia, and are now just one point behind the leaders with three games in hand.

Melita Eagles' 2-0 victory over the Saints put them into third place and the Saints dropped back into fourth spot.

The Arrows retained fifth spot with mixed fortunes at the weekend, defeating Croatia 1-0 at Bruce Stadium on Saturday, then going down 2-4 at home to the improving Marconi side.

Olympic were well and truly thrashed by the Slickers, 7-0, and Wollongong recorded a rare but well-deserved win at home over Penrith to close the gap between themselves and Croatia.

■ ■ ■

The Youth League took a step into the future on Saturday when AIS met Newcastle Rosebuds on the new synthetic pitch at the National Sports Complex at Bruce, Canberra.

After Glen Cameron opened the scoring for the Rosebuds in the fourth minute, the game remained evenly poised until the half-time break.

The second half was a different story, with AIS gradually wearing the Rosebuds down and levelling the scores in the 62nd minute through David Sharpe. Lou Hristodilou put the Institute into the lead in the 80th minute and George Kulscar sealed it with a goal in the 85th minute.

In their second game against Croatia at King Tomislav, the Institute boys again had to fight back from an early goal deficit.

But despite opening

the scoring in the 21st minute through Rafael Mravunac, Croatia really didn't have any answer to the well-drilled AIS side, who finally equalised through Hristodilou in the 40th minute.

Warren Spink made it 2-1 in the 75th minute and Hristodilou made it 3-1 from the penalty spot right on full-time after Spink had been brought down.

At Gabbie Stadium, the in-form Bobby Catlin in the Leichhardt goal kept his side in the game until the half-time break with a series of excellent saves.

After the break, Leichhardt started pushing the ball around at the back and making breaks down the flanks with overlapping full-backs. Goals for the Strikers by Bruno Beddoni, Tony Genovese and Frank Speranza made it a comfortable win for the League leaders.

At St George Stadium, the experience of Ray Farrugia, Dennis Duarte and Silvio Demanuelle was the main difference between two evenly balanced sides.

The Eagles took the lead midway through the first half when Demanuelle anticipated a Saints pass-back to put the ball past the stranded keeper.

In the 55th minute Duarte cleverly cut back inside from the goal-line to rocket the

ball into the roof of the net.

A hat-trick for John Foxman was the basis for the Slickers white-wash 7-0 victory over a lacklustre Olympic.

They led a bedraggled Olympic 2-0 at the half-time break, both goals from Foxman. Peter Falconer increased the lead in the 48th minute from the penalty spot.

Substitute Tony Parish headed home in the 55th minute, Alex Botalico, back from injury, made it 5-0 in the 62nd, Foxman complete his hat-trick in the 64th from the penalty spot, and Tony Porthouse completed the rout in the 80th.

Wollongong Wolves celebrated their return to the Showground with a well-earned victory over the Penrith Pathers.

Coach "Noddy" Alston showed his young charges the way in the 19th minute when he opened the scoring.

Earle Canvin made it 2-0 in the 31st minute with a header, but Ian Vaughan cut the lead by four minutes later.

Within a minute Canvin had a widened the gap again when he scored from close range.

David Shute promised an exciting finish when he made it 3-2 three minutes from time, but it was the Wolves who grabbed the last goal when Canvin completed his hat-trick.

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Leichhardt	16	9	3	4	25	17	21
AIS	13	9	2	2	33	13	20
Melita Eagles	15	9	2	4	25	20	20
St George	16	8	2	6	37	34	18
Canberra	16	8	2	6	32	27	18
Newcastle	13	6	4	3	18	15	16
Blacktown	16	7	2	7	18	25	16
Sydney City	14	7	1	6	37	20	15
Marconi	15	5	4	6	22	26	14
Olympic	15	6	1	8	33	33	13
Penrith	15	4	2	9	26	39	10
Croatia	17	3	2	12	19	37	8
Wollongong	15	3	1	11	22	41	7

WALLSEND HIGH SCHOOL GIRLS SOCCER TEAM



THE Wallsend High School girls Soccer team has emerged as a force for the first time in the Hunter Region.

The team is under the direction of Eve Probyn-Lee.

AT REAR: Brian Cassel (trainer), Sandra Jones, Mandy Manning.

BACK ROW: Eve Probyn-Lee, Caroline Bates, Natalie Herring, Barbra Corbett, Margaret Fraser, Nicole Bock, Leeanne Kelly, Pauline Thompson, Mrs Ryan (sportsmistress).

FRONT ROW: Karen Farley, Lee Middlemans, Renee House, Meagham Jenkins, Regina Grelzarzk, Donna Folpp, Neelie Arthur, Natalie Bock.

WARNERS BAY WIN

BY BILL TURNER

THE final of the Hunter Region Rudy Roth Trophy for girls was decided at Macquarie Field, Speers Point.

Two new schools emerged as strongholds for girls' Soccer. They were Warner's Bay and Wallsend.

Over the past couple of years, Paul Freeman has

been bringing the Warners Bay side along steadily, and they were rewarded with a 3-0 win in this well-contested fixture.

Leading by example, the tall figure of Michele Moore kept the Bay girls on the attack. Jody Connolly, Julie Richards and 13-year-old Lisa Freeman each scored from well-planned moves. Joy Wyatt and Lisa Freeman had top games.

Renee House, Margaret Fraser and Natalie Herring played well for Wallsend.

Both teams progressed to the final 16 of the Combined High Schools' Ku-ring-gai Cup, with Wallsend losing 1-7 to Oxley and Warners Bay going down to Orara 2-3.

WARNERS BAY: Elizabeth Beveridge, Cheryl Freeman, Danielle Cunningham, Joy Wyatt, Jody Connolly, Julie Richards, Lisa Freeman, Libby Marshall, Sharon Roworth, Kelly Job, Michele Moore. Res: Joanne Dumbrell, Tamara Sinclair, Belinda Haugh, Peta Whitehead. Manager/coach: Paul Freeman.

WALLSEND: Regina Grelzarzk, Neelie Arthur, Natalie Bock, Natalie Herring, Donna Folpp, Nicole Bock, Margaret Fraser, Corbett. Res: Leeanne Kelly, Lee Middlemass, Mandy Manning. Manager/coach: Eve Probyn-Lee.

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This is what gets the adrenalin flowing among spectators, the ingredient the fans want more than anything else.

It is therefore interesting at this stage of the season to study the goalscoring prowess of the teams in the two divisions of the NSL.

The chart shows that, after 16 games, the only two teams that have managed to bang in a steady flow of goals are Sydney City with a magnificent tally of 43 and Marconi with an exemplary 37.

Average

The scoring rate of the other 22 teams can only be described as pretty average.

In fact for me, it's rather sad to note that the top goalscoring team in the National Conference is Heidelberg, with a tally of only 27 goals — an average of just 1.05 a match.

Also, before I go any further and you start reaching for your pen and paper, I must add

that despite their scoring prowess and entertaining football, the desired attendances are not turning up to watch the Slickers.

This must surely be one of the great tragedies of Australian sport in recent years.

Slickers, of course, are led by Socceroo captain John Kosmina who is, in my opinion, Australia's best exponent of putting the ball into the back of the net.

Saints fans may disagree here and put forward the name of their own ace marksman Dez Marton.

Well for my money, Dez used to be the king of the goalscorers but now the younger Kosmina has taken over.

This season in 16 NSL outings, "Kossie" has scored 15 goals, which is a marvellous achievement and indeed makes him the most valuable commodity on the Australian Soccer scene.

He is deadly around the penalty area and his reflexes are just fantastic.

Punished

No defender can afford the slightest slip when he's around and the slightest hesitation

or error in judgment is severely punished.

When Kossie is playing, defenders know his capabilities all too well and this worries them into mistakes.

More often than not these mistakes are tucked into the net in expert style.

Another fine goalscorer, but an entirely



JOHN KOSMINA

different type, is Sydney Olympic's Marshall Soper.

Soper is the more spectacular scorer and a "galloping cavalier" who has the ability to rattle the ball home from any distance or any angle.

Dez Marton typifies the main requirement of any ace goal-grabber — coolness under pressure.

BY TOM ANDERSON

Through years of experience and an inbred talent, Dez has the knack of finding an open space in even the most crowded goal area.

Marconi's David Lowe is a youngster who notches more than his share of goals and for my money is a real brave striker.

Although small, he's pretty deft in the air and never thinks twice of going for the 50-50 ball.

Off-guard

Young David also has the ability to shoot at the most unexpected moments, which

catches many a defence off guard.

Gary Cole seems to have been around the scene for quite a while and in his Heidelberg heyday, was a goal-a-game man.

Big Gary's asset is his tremendous physical strength which makes him a very difficult man to stop on his long searching runs.

Canberra's Frank Farina has yet to establish himself on the regular scoring lists, but he's now well on the way to becoming one of the most dangerous strikers produced in Australian Soccer.

Farina has pace to burn and his acceleration is simply fantastic.

Because of this, he has to be closely watched all the time in case he makes a break.

Of course, over the years there have been and indeed still are many tremendous goal-getters on the world scene.

All-time greats such as Pele, Ferenc Puskas, Alfredo Di Stefano, Denis Law, Jimmy Greaves, Uwe Seeler, Gerd Muller, Paolo Rossi and Ian Rush to name but a few.

All of them and for that matter every goalscorer who has ever graced a football field has something in common — a hunger for goals.

Also, the ability — or gift if you like — never to allow a miss upset them, which is of the utmost importance in their trade.

Valuable

In the present era of ultra-tactical football, when for most of the time the emphasis is more on the prevention of goals rather than the scoring of them, the art of the goalscorer has become the most valuable asset in the game.

Of course, it's also the most glamorous job in the team which brings a great deal of satisfaction to the men with the golden boots.

There are also the disappointments when the misses occur and valuable games and points are lost.

At the end of the day, long after the referee's final whistle has been blown, the game is usually replayed time and time again in homes, pubs and clubs.

Usually, over the odd glass of amber fluid, arguments rage over the goals scored and those that were missed.

For this is football, this is what's it's all about — goals, goals and more goals!



GARY COLE



FRANK FARINA

BELMORE BEST

SEVERAL hundred screaming supporters were treated to some thrill-a-minute football at St George Stadium as Belmore scraped into the quarter-finals of the Commonwealth Bank Soccer Cup.

Although technically a superior side, Belmore were unable to capitalise on some early chances and Pendle Hill were able to put the Belmore defence under pressure during the first half.

Full credit must go to the Pendle Hill goalkeeper who was under constant pressure and managed to save some excellent shots from the Belmore strikers and midfielders.

The deciding goal came 15 minutes from full-time when midfielder Con Karas surged forward and planted the ball wide of the goalkeeper, the ball rebounding into goal off the post.

The whole Belmore team performed well especially in the second half on a tricky pitch, but special mention must be made of George Gertos, Con Karas and Tom Tshilis.

WOONONA WIN IT

WHILE the State suffered one of the coldest nights on record, the large crowd of supporters who gathered at Towradgi Park were kept warm by an exciting final for the South Coast Region pool of the Commonwealth Bank Soccer Cup.

The game loomed as a great tussle for Soccer supremacy in the area as the opponents, Woonona and Keira, are the two most successful schools in the region in recent years, and both have won the Tasman Cup.

The game started at an electrifying pace, and for most of the first half Woonona's Tony Donnelly, Peter Hawken and Gary Partiss conducted a midfield duel with Zoran Baserich, Ivan Stre-

jovski and David Tarrant, with no clear winner emerging.

In the 37th minute there was that magic moment that was required to break the deadlock. A perfectly weighted through-ball by Earle Canvin was latched on to by Woonona winger Stephen Badger. The resulting shot was devastating, going in off the far post.

The second half started as the first, but in the third minute the

issue was put beyond doubt. Hawken looked up from the midfield and noticed Keira keeper Peter Cavdarovski slightly off his line, but his shot hit the crossbar.

Mark Pople swooped on the ball and sent a close-range shot thundering into the back of the net.

The resulting two-goal lead allowed Woonona to play with much more poise, and this was evident in the defence which, led by Peter Passalokis, never looked in trouble for the rest of the game.

Keira, to their credit, never stopped trying, however Woonona's dominance, led by man of the match Donnelly, repelled all that was thrown at them.

The win ensured Woonona kept the Michael Potter Trophy, the symbol of regional Soccer supremacy, and they now go on to carry the South Coast flag in this year's Commonwealth Bank Cup.

THE semi-finals of the Commonwealth Bank Soccer Cup will be played at Marconi Stadium on Thursday August 2.

Epping and Henry Kendall have advanced through to the last four and the other two spots will be decided when Canterbury play Woonona and Belmore face Cabramatta in two deferred quarter-final games today (Tuesday).



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CABRAMATTA 5
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TITLE RACE IS OPEN

ROCKDALE ILINDEN not only suffered their third defeat of the season at the hands of Sutherland, 3-1, at Hurstville Oval — but relinquished the lead to Inter Monaro.

The Sharks adapted to the wet and muddy conditions better and opened the scoring after 20 minutes through Hargraves.

With ex-St George custodian Don Smith inspiring his team, Rockdale levelled the

score in the 55th minute when a shot from Branko Karanfilovski took a slight deflection off a Sutherland defender and rolled into goal.

The home side maintained their forward momentum and pressured the Suther-

land defence with an array of attacks.

Paul Dart, one of the most promising young goalkeepers in the State League, was equal to the task thwarting many dangerous raids.

It was during the last

20 minutes that Sutherland regained their composure and were rewarded with two goals.

In the 72nd minute Rogers broke clear of the Rockdale defence and eight minutes later Gray sealed the issue with a confident header.

In injury time, Rastevski had a chance to pull one back for Rockdale but his penalty attempt was brilliantly saved by Dart.

"WE are still in the danger zone and we must get a few more points," said Avala coach Steve Lalic after watching his side lose to Polonia 3-1 at Knight Park.

Polonia played the better Soccer in the first half and scored two goals through Soboskyck (20th) and Owczarek (35th) after Duvnjak had put Avala ahead in the 12th minute.

During the second half Avala displayed a willingness to attack and created numerous chances. It was during this period that Polonia goalie Ian Barker and defender Antec Galas played strongly.

Galas was rewarded for his efforts scoring a penalty in the 80th minute after Owczarek was fouled in the box.

Two minutes later Manly's Peter Vale scored from close range after a shot from Leak had been blocked just off the line.

It was during the second half that Manly took control and in the 55th minute Steven scored from the penalty spot after Leak had been fouled.

It was Leak who sealed the issue in the 83rd minute after youngster Simon Panes had provided the lead-up.

In drawing 1-1 at Mona Park, both Auburn Uruguay and Ku-ring-gai earned the tag of "draw specialists" in the State League competition.

Both sides have recorded seven draws this season as have premiership contenders Manly-Warringah.

Aside from a Ray Carney shot which was cleared off the Ku-ring-gai goalline in the third minute, the Chasers created the better goalscoring chances during the first half.

Andrew Harper and Andy Tracey combined to put Craig Bass through and his confident drive hit the Auburn crossbar and was cleared. From the resultant Tracey corner, Bass gained revenge to slot the ball home.

Ex-Auburn player Chris Quigley had a perfect opportunity to increase the lead in the 44th minute but with the goal at his mercy he shot wide.

Auburn dominated proceedings during the second half and were rewarded when Chris Townson equalised in the 79th minute. Townson almost scored the winner seconds later but his powerful shot from the edge of the area struck the Ku-ring-gai crossbar and was cleared from danger.

IN defeating lowly placed Yugal 3-0 at Marco Polo Oval, Inter-Monaro climbed back to the top of the league.

It was a fine team effort from Monaro and was highlighted by the constructive attacking efforts of Bas Giampaolo. In fact, Giampaolo scored two goals, with the other coming from a Walter Valeri penalty.

M A N L Y - WARRINGAH laid claim to being the strongest Soccer team on the North Shore after swamping local rivals Warringah-Narrabeen 4-1 at Cromer Park.

It was Stephen Leak who did most of the damage for the home side and he was rewarded for his efforts by scoring two goals and creating the other two.

Warringah, currently sitting at the foot of the competition ladder, fought grimly after Leak had opened the scoring in the fifth minute.

A shot from John Garrett was fumbled by newly-promoted 16 year-old goalie Nick Conradi and Garrett could only watch in despair as the ball bounced against the post and was cleared from danger.

This didn't deter the Saints and Alan Dean equalised in the 34th minute.

CANTERBURY-Marrickville suffered their second defeat in succession falling to Bankstown National 2-1 at a rain affected Jensen Oval.

Bankstown striker El Hussein regained his early season form and played an important role creating both goals for the home side.

Canterbury's best chances were created in the first half but strong defensive work from Bankstown's Wayne Cootes, Steve Blackburn and goalie David Lohman denied the visitors the chance to score.

In the 65th minute Wayne Parker opened the scoring for Bankstown after Hussein provided the final pass. Nine minutes before the end Hassan made it 2-0 after El Hussein created the build-up.

Canterbury scored their consolation with just two minutes remaining.

NSW TABLES

DIV 1 - GDE 1

Monaro	17	10	5	2	51	21	25
Rockdale	17	10	4	3	33	18	24
Manly	17	8	7	2	32	12	23
S'land	17	9	5	3	28	14	23
Auburn	17	6	7	4	15	14	19
K'gal	17	4	7	6	21	27	15
Polonia	17	5	5	7	17	23	15
C-M'ville	17	5	5	7	18	31	15
Avala	17	4	5	8	23	36	13
Yugal	17	3	5	9	24	27	11
B'stown	17	3	5	9	16	39	11
W'gah	17	3	4	10	18	35	10

DIV 1 - GDE 2

K'gal	17	12	3	2	40	11	27
C-M'ville	17	12	2	3	37	19	26
Manly	17	11	3	3	45	17	25
S'land	17	10	3	4	45	19	23
Rockdale	17	8	3	6	36	30	19
B'stown	17	8	2	7	29	27	18
Auburn	17	6	5	6	26	27	17
W'gah	17	6	4	7	21	29	16
Monaro	16	4	1	11	19	40	9
Polonia	17	2	4	11	17	39	8
Avala	17	2	4	11	14	37	8
Yugal	16	2	2	12	9	43	6

DIV 1 - GDE 3

C-M'ville	16	11	2	3	34	15	24
S'land	15	10	3	2	34	15	24
Manly	16	11	1	4	36	16	23
Polonia	14	11	0	3	40	15	22
Auburn	15	9	1	5	37	21	19
B'stown	16	7	2	7	24	22	16
Yugal	14	5	0	9	17	38	10
Rockdale	16	5	0	11	17	40	10
W'gah	15	3	2	10	21	39	8
Avala	16	3	1	12	28	40	6
K'gal	15	3	0	12	11	41	6

DIV 2 - GDE 1

Fairy M	17	15	1	1	44	14	31
W'gong M	16	11	4	1	33	10	26
Dee Why	16	10	4	2	48	14	24
Bathurst	16	10	4	2	33	13	24
B'town U	17	7	4	6	36	20	18
Norths	16	7	4	5	30	22	18
Glad Hby	16	7	3	6	28	20	17
Rev Wkrs	14	5	4	5	22	18	14
Belmore	17	2	6	9	14	36	10
Pen Utd	16	3	2	11	21	45	8
Parra C	16	3	1	12	28	52	7
Art'mon	17	2	3	12	23	52	7
NSW Uni	16	2	2	12	13	54	6

DIV 2 - GDE 2

Biktwn U	17	13	3	1	57	11	29
Dee Why	16	10	4	2	39	12	24
Glad Hby	16	9	3	4	33	20	21
Norths	16	8	5	3	29	20	21
Fairy M	17	8	3	6	31	20	19
Rev Wkrs	14	7	4	3	29	14	18
Art'mon	17	8	1	8	39	46	17
W'gong M	16	5	4	7	32	32	14
Pen Utd	16	6	1	9	28	45	13
Belmore	17	4	2	11	23	43	10
Bathurst	16	4	2	10	11	36	10
Par City	16	2	4	10	22	40	8
NSW Uni	16	3	0	13	8	42	6

DIV 2 - GDE 3

Belmore	17	14	2	1	64	8	30
Biktwn U	17	11	5	1	35	10	27
Pen Utd	16	11	2	3	46	22	24
Glad Hby	16	7	5	4	33	12	19
Bathurst	16	9	1	6	33	21	19
Norths	16	7	3	6	35	22	17
NSW Uni	16	7	3	6	28	18	17
Dee Why	16	6	3	7	21	39	15
Art'mon	17	5	4	8	34	42	14
Parra C	16	6	1	9	21	28	18
Fairy M	17	1	6	10	16	35	8
Rev Wkrs	14	2	1	11	8	48	5
W'gong M	16	1	0	15	11	80	2

DIV 3 - GDE 1

C City	17	13	2	2	36	9	28
Q Park	17	10	3	4	37	18	23
Bondl	17	8	4	5	31	23	20
B Hills	16	8	3	5	22	26	19
King Tom	17	6	5	3	33	25	18
Pt Hack	15	7	3	5	28	28	17
Mo'bank	16	6	3	7	26	22	15
K'gford	16	7	1	8	24	23	15
Nth Ryde	17	6	2	9	20	21	14
Mt Druitt	17	6	2	9	21	30	14
CSI	17	3	6	8	25	41	12
Lane C	16	1	1	14	13	51	3

DIV 3 - GDE 2

C City	17	10	2	5	53	23	24
K'ford	16	11	2	3	50	24	24
Bondl	17	10	4	3	39	15	24
Q Park	17	10	2	5	41	22	22
CSI	17	10	2	5	35	31	22
Nth Ryde	17	8	4	5	30	23	20
Mo'bank	16	8	2	6	34	21	18
B Hills	16	6	0	10	32	31	12
King Tom	17	5	2	10	27	44	12
Pt Hack	15	4	3	8	21	32	11
Mt Druitt	17	2	3	12	26	46	7
Lane C	16	0	2	14	11	80	2

DIV 3 - GDE 3

B Hills	16	13	3	0	67	6	29
C City	17	12	3	2	56	16	27
Bondl	17	12	3	2	40	17	27
Pt H'king	17	10	4	3	34	21	24
Mt Druitt	17	11	1	5	45	19	23
Mo'bank	16	8	2	6	23	31	18
Q Park	17	6	4	7	27	28	16
K'ford	17	8	0	9	25	31	16
King Tom	17	6	4	7	21	38	16
Nth Ryde	17	2	0	15	13	69	4
CSI	17	1	0	16	10	82	2
Lane Cove	17	0	0	17	0	0	0

INTER 1 - GDE 1

Rty Hill	17	13	2	2	27	6	28
C'twn G	17	11	3	3	42	16	25
Pad Park	17	10	5	2	33	14	25
Weth Pk	17	11	2	4	34	22	24
East SA	17	9	2	6	36	24	20
Fair Kiev	17	5	5	7	38	41	14
Spanish	16	5	3	8	24	28	13
Syd Uni	17	4	5	8	27	38	13
Nineveh	17	5	2	10	18	40	12
Hurst Z	17	5	1	11	32	41	11
Mar'bra	17	4	4	9	23	44	12
Wenty	16	1	2	13	11	35	4

INTER 1 - GDE 2

East SA	17	14	1	2	58	18	29
Rooty H	17	12	3	2	58	14	27
Weth Pk	17	11	3	3	41	21	25
Syd Uni	17	8	4	5	35	21	20
Pad Pk	17	8	2	7	32	26	18
Wenty W	16	6	4	6	21	27	16
Spanish	16	5	4	7	23	29	14
C'twn G	17	5	4	8	21	28	14
Nineveh	16	4	4	8	28	39	12
M'bra	17	3	6	8	17	39	12
Hurst Z	16	3	3	10	18	34	9
Fair Kiev	17	1	2	14	18	74	4

INTER 2 - GDE 1

West St G	17	9	5	3	41	27	23
Mac Utd	16	10	2	4	35	17	22
Macq Uni	16	9	3	4	31	18	21
Hawks	17	7	4	6	22	23	18
Chile Sts	17	5	7	5	21	16	17
Tras Spts	17	5	6	6	28	25	16
Chelsee	17	5	6	6	35	36	16
P'wood	17	6	4	7	18	23	16
C'dia	17	7	2	8	21	56	16
Green V	17	5	5	7	22	31	15
West Utd	17	3	7	7	20	33	13
Syd Mac	16	3	4	9	24	37	10

INTER 2 - GDE 2

INTER 2 -GDE 2							
West St G	17	9	5	3	38	25	23
Hawks	17	8	7	2	35	25	23
Macq Uni	17	8	5	4	45	29	21
Chelsee	16	8	3	5	30	18	19
P'wood	17	7	4	6	31	26	18
Tras Spts	17	6	5	6	27	20	18
West Utd	17	6	5	6	26	35	17
Green V	17	4	7	6	31	33	15
C'cordia	17	6	3	8	26	32	15
Mac Utd	16	4	5	7	22	24	16
Chile Sts	17	5	2	10	30	40	14
Sud Macc	15	2	2	11	14	48	10

SOCCER AROUND AUSTRALIA

MILLMAN SHOOT TO THE LEAD

BY GREG RUSSELL

A NEW leading scorer competition introduced by the Queensland Soccer Federation has brought out the best in the State's strikers.

Previously there had been no official award for the State's leading marksmen, but with a special prize from Attack and Sabre Sportswear hinging on this year's tally, the Premier League strikers are making every goal count.

Grange Thistle's Tony Bailey was the early pacesetter, rattling up seven goals in nearly half as many games, but Ipswich United's Ron Millman has certainly taken the initiative in recent weeks.

Millman, the former Lions NSL striker who has lost none of his goalscoring touch, had scored 13 goals in 12 games prior to last weekend's fixtures. That gave him a commanding five goal lead.

While Millman has a handy lead, with only five fixtures remaining, several other strikers are set to issue a challenge.

North Star's Ken Swan was averaging a goal a game before he

injured his ankle, but now he is back on the field it is almost certain he will add to his present tally of seven goals.

Mount Gravatt's Gary Bohan also has found his famous goalscoring form, and two goals against Taringa recently indicated he certainly hasn't given up the chase.

East's Mark Brusasco also has been one of the in form strikers of late and given the breaks may also edge towards Millman.

But the veteran Ipswich striker will have to be content to sit on the sidelines this week as the Premier League takes a break to allow for the semi-finals of the Ampol Cup.

Millman's team, Ipswich United, are the Cup holders but were surprisingly knocked out by Lions in the quarter-finals.

Lions are drawn to meet inconsistent premier League side Acacia Ridge in the

first semi-final at Perry Park this weekend.

But Acacia Ridge, whose "blue army" are the best supporters in the State, are expected to rise for the match and could prove tough opponents for the intermediate League side, which recently lost 0-3 in a top-of-the-table clash against Valley Trident. Acacia Ridge beat Valleys 3-0 to reach the Cup semis.

The other Cup semi-final will see Mount Gravatt matched against North Star. Stars have been in fine form since Iain Fagan took over the coaching reins from Jerzy Stecki.

Stecki resigned after North Star were



RON MILLMAN takes a tumble

thrashed 0-8 by Ipswich in a Premier League fixture. But in the following two matches under Fagan's control, Stars won 3-0 and 3-2, the last result against the fancied Olympic United.

But Mount Gravatt are chasing the only

trophy the club has not won in top competition, and the side has the attitude and the ability to make a clean sweep of the silverware this season.

The winning semi-finalists will clash in the Ampol Cup final on August 19.

JUVE FLOP

BY 'VAN DIEMAN'

THE latest round of Tasmanian State League matches proved yet again that there is no such thing as a sure winner in Soccer.

League leaders Juventus-Pioneer lost 1-2 to bottom-placed Phoenix-Lauderdale and Metro-Claremont beat Rapid 3-2 to bring the League back to life by making the situation at the top and the bottom very exciting.

Every time Juventus seem to be racing away with the title, they falter and allow their nearest opponents to get within striking distance again.

Juventus coach Ken Morton put his team into a 12th minute lead

with a 20-metre drive, but goals from Goringe and Sanders saw Phoenix ahead at the break.

Olympia-WPL, who were fourth only two weeks ago, are now in second place and a mere three points adrift of the leaders following their 1-0 win over University.

Olympia-WPL played some of their best Soccer for a long time in defeating University. They knocked the ball about with confidence and style.

Caledonians put Croatia into second-last place by winning their encounter 2-0 in a very poor match. Terry Banagan scored both goals in the second half.

While Caledonians were beating Croatia, Phoenix were doing the "impossible" to Juventus.

"I'm absolutely delighted," said Phoenix coach Jerry Marron. "We deserved to win and it's been long overdue. It was a top team performance."

Ken Morton summed up his feelings by saying: "We got what we deserved — nothing!"

FIGTREE TWINS TOP 25 YEARS

TWINS Paul and David Cole must surely have created some kind of record after 25 years with West-Figtree Soccer Club.

BY PHIL MURPHY

His request was dedicated to the Wollongong players — "Catch us if you can."

Ten minutes later there was a request from the Wollongong club — "Lift us up where we belong."

BELLAMBI recently had their lease on Elizabeth Park approved by Wollongong City Council and hope to have the ground fenced for next season.

Local residents have opposed the idea because they feel the ground should be left as it is with public access.

The Bellambi club certainly can't have the job done quickly enough so they can protect the playing surface and be able to

charge admission for big games.

When Bellambi had the money-spinning match of the day against Warilla they had to "rent" Tarrawanna Oval for the day so they could take a gate.

It proved a worthwhile exercise as they made a good profit.

WARILLA WANDERERS midfielder Phil Matias is leading the Premier League Player of the Year award.

The talented all-round sportsman only came back to Soccer this year after playing two seasons of Rugby League with Dapto.

He played on the wing in first grade with Dapto and scored his share of tries.

Back to the game he did so well at in his younger days, Matias is

proving a key player in Warilla's bid to catch tearaway leaders Fernhill.

IT sounds strange but Shellharbour goalkeeper Kevin O'Donnell could be the first grade team's leading scorer this season.

O'Donnell is making a challenge for the title after scoring with five penalty kicks this season.

He is the team's regular penalty-taker and certainly one of the best in the league.

His ability to find the net stems from his days as a striker and he only turned to goal-keeping after suffering a knee injury.

O'Donnell was with Wollongong City's youth team when they went into the National League in 1981 and was leading scorer that year playing up front.

EVERY WEEK ASW WILL PROFILE A PLAYER FROM NSW STATE LEAGUE SECOND DIVISION CLUB, GLADESVILLE HORNSBY.

BRUCE BAKER

BRUCE BAKER is another member of the Gladesville-Hornsby club assured of a successful future.

A local product of immense talent, Baker has worked his way through to the top grade.

His preferred position is midfield, but coach Keith Piper prefers to use him in the front-line.

He displays awesome power when shooting for goal. His only problem is lack of experience. On a couple of occasions he has not taken full advantage of his goalscoring opportunities.

During his career he has enjoyed premier-ship, metropolitan and State success with Gladesville-Hornsby (1979, 1980).

After some fine performances during the 1981 season, Baker was promoted to the first grade Federation side the following season and hasn't looked back since.

NAME: Bruce Baker.

BIRTHDATE: 15/2/65.

BIRTHPLACE: Sydney.

CLUBS PLAYED FOR: Carlingford United, Epping YMCA, Gladesville-Hornsby (Youth and Federation).

POSITIONS PLAYED: Midfield or striker.

OCCUPATION: Student PE teacher.

FAVOURITE PLAYER (Australian): John Kosmina.

FAVOURITE PLAYER (Overseas): Glenn Hoddle.

FAVOURITE OVERSEAS CLUB: Leeds United.

ULTIMATE AMBITIONS: Enjoy life, succeed at teaching and help Gladesville-Hornsby get into first division.

MOST MEMORABLE MATCH: Winning the U15 Metropolitan Championship with Gladesville-Hornsby.

BIGGEST INFLUENCE IN CAREER: My dad.

COACH'S COMMENT: "Bruce prefers to play in the midfield but we are developing him as a striker — with great success".



MANY EASY WINS

BY PAT ALLEN

HIGH-SCORING, one-sided matches marked NSW Mid-State League Round 14.

In the one close match of the day Canobolas Rangers upset leaders Lithgow Thistles 2-1.

It was a keyed-up Rangers team that took the field keen to reverse the first result between the teams.

Waratahs joined Thistles at the top of the ladder by virtue of their 7-1 win over East Dubbo United.

Wanderers remain just one point behind the leaders following their 4-0 victory over Mudgee.

CYMS keep in the semi-final hunt following their 9-1 hiding of Parkes.

In Cowra, Ex-Services had little trouble accounting for a lackadaisical Cowra team 7-0.

by many former players, officials and supporters.

After starting out in a small way with just four junior teams, Figtree have developed in to one of the strongest and most successful clubs in Illawarra.

They have won the Premier League title and grand final for the last two years, and are making a bold challenge to complete the hat trick.

FAIRY MEADOW's Jock Morlando gained a lot of satisfaction from his goal in the recent home game against University.

Morlando has spent a lot of time on the bench this season but went back into the team when regular midfielder Neil Williams was out with an injury.

Fairy Meadow struggled to crack the packed University defence but it was Morlando who finally broke the deadlock with a good shot from 25 metres.

The 1-0 win kept Fairy Meadow four points clear of neighbours Wollongong Macedonia.

THERE is plenty of "friendly" rivalry between Fairy Meadow and Wollongong Macedonia as they battle for promotion to State League.

Radio station 2WL recently played a special request number from Fairy Meadow secretary Walter Chichkan on their morning music show.

CENTRAL COAST SOCCER ASSOCIATION

Applications for Director of Coaching for the Central Coast area are now being called for.

Applications to be in writing, stating qualifications and experience, and enclosing copies of references to:

The Secretary, by July 31, 1984.

Salary to be negotiated.

Margaret Ford,
Secretary,
Box 287,
Gosford, NSW 2250.



THE WORLD GAME



Kids will play soccer anywhere! This picture was sent to ASW by one of our readers in Nepal. It shows a bunch of Nepalese youngsters enjoying a game in a fallow paddy field at the foot of the Himalayas. (Note the lone young spectator, extreme right!)

WIDE BAY SUCCESS IN QLD

BY ANDREW STILLMAN

THE Wide Bay representative team coached by Peter Kelly won the Ampol U14 Queensland Championships held at Mackay, going through with seven wins and one draw and conceding only two goals.

Wide Bay showed their superiority from the start when they won the opening match against North Queensland 1-0.

Despite cold conditions and blustery winds which persisted throughout the carnival, Wide Bay displayed good ball control and virtually controlled the games, rarely allowing their opposition to play the ball.

The only team that looked like upsetting Wide Bay's record was Far North Queensland, which drew 0-0. Wide

Bay were unlucky not to score with some fierce shots by Shaun Aslett narrowly missing the goal.

Zone teams from all over Queensland competed. They were: Wide Bay, North Qld, Brisbane North, Brisbane South, South West Qld, Far North Qld, Central Qld, South East Qld and North West Qld.

The carnival ran very smoothly and was a credit to carnival manager Phil Sunner.

At the end of the championships the

Queensland U14 side was named to contest the Australian Championships in Newcastle from September 1-9. Coach is John Burgess, who successfully coached the U13 team last year.

The team is: M. Geritz, A. Stillman, B. Pinczel, S. Haddow, K. Glover, C. Byrne (Wide Bay), J. Haspels, D. Blakley, W. Hinton, M. Bristow, B. Eastwell (Brisbane South), M. Kerr (South West Qld),

J. McGill, C. Collins (North Qld), D. King, C. Koch (Brisbane North).

The shadow players named were: A. Hilton (North Qld), S. Cluss, B. McCulloch (Brisbane North), S. Woodward (Brisbane South).

Final points: Wide Bay 15, North Qld, Brisbane North 11, Brisbane South 10, South West Qld 9, Far North Qld 7, Central Qld 6, South East Qld 2 and North West Qld 1.



Stephen Bird (Gympie) outdefends Shaun Aslett (Bundaberg) for the ball in the Tobacco Growers Carnival held at Bundaberg

HONOURS SPREAD

WHILST Sydney Olympic won the Group B championship in the U14, U15 and U16 grades, the rest of the honours were well spread in the NSW Youth League.

The other title in the group went to the strong Granville U13 side.

In Group A no club was right on top. Blacktown City came home in U16, APIA in U15, Illawarra in U14 and Melita Eagles for the 13s.

The leading four clubs in each group now go into the quarter-finals on Saturday, August 4, followed by the semi-finals the following week.

The big final day will be at the St George Stadium on Saturday, August 18, in a really special promotion.

Marconi defeated Olympic U15s 2-0, whereas the U16 team had already won their game which was the early match to Manchester United v Juventus at the SCG.

Granville ended Group B on equal points with Olympic, who now play their game in hand against Nepean.

If Nepean win they can end up in second spot on goal difference. Olympic's goal difference puts them in an unassailable position.

In U14 on Saturday, Olympic's 3-0 win featured goals from NSW striker Darren Corbett (2) and Giuseppe Russo. Mike Tsingolis scored twice in the U13 3-0 win.

METRO. CHAMPIONSHIP									
	P	W	D	L	F	A	P		
Bl'twn C.	26	21	4	1	100	9	46	U11	U12
St George	26	21	4	1	98	12	46	-	0-8
Auburn	25	18	6	1	73	12	42	Central C. v Cant'bury	1-2 4-0
APIA L.	26	18	4	4	101	13	40	Nepean v Sthn. Dist.	5-2 2-1
Melita	25	14	5	6	68	24	33	Gladesville v Illawarra	1-3 1-0
Ku-gal	25	12	5	8	36	29	27	Bankstown v Sth'land	0-1 1-2
Croatia	25	13	1	11	44	46	29	St George, Blacktown byes	
Illawarra	25	10	3	12	57	37	23		
B. Hills	26	9	3	14	41	73	21		
C'bury	23	7	1	15	36	63	15		
Bnk'town	24	5	3	16	22	72	13		
Mac'thur	26	2	4	20	14	99	8		
Sthn. D.	26	2	3	21	25	106	7		
Yugal	26	1	2	23	10	130	4		

STATE CUP REPLAYS									
U14: Kirrawee 1, Hornsby H. 0.									
U21: Robertson Cup: Granville RSL 1, Revesby Lions B 0.									

U13															
GROUP A								GROUP B							
Melita	26	24	1	1	117	15	49	G'ville	27	23	0	3	138	21	46
St George	26	21	2	3	88	22	44	Nepean	25	19	3	3	102	28	41
B'ham H.	26	19	3	4	88	30	41	Syd O.	25	18	4	3	70	16	40
APIA L.	26	15	6	5	59	19	36	C'bury	26	18	1	7	55	27	37
Illawarra	26	15	5	6	56	19	35	N. B'stn	26	14	4	8	61	32	32
Croatia	26	12	4	10	44	45	28	S'land	25	11	6	8	62	35	28
Sthn D.	25	12	1	12	50	43	25	Cent. C.	25	10	7	8	67	43	27
Mac'thur	24	10	3	11	34	39	23	G'dille	25	11	4	10	36	29	26
Bl'twn C.	26	8	6	12	33	51	22	Avala	26	10	1	15	43	51	21
Yugal	26	8	1	17	59	69	17	Marconi	26	9	2	15	54	63	20
Ku-gai	25	5	1	19	17	68	11	Manly	26	9	1	16	24	62	19
Auburn	24	4	2	18	26	77	10	Rockdale	26	5	2	19	29	82	12
Bks'town	24	3	2	19	15	72	8	Bl'twn A.	26	2	3	21	19	140	7
C'bury	24	1	3	20	7	124	5	Syd C.	25	1	0	24	14	145	2

U14															
GROUP A								GROUP B							
Illawarra	26	26	0	0	124	5	52	Syd O.	25	21	3	1	95	17	44
St George	26	22	1	3	93	25	45	S'land	25	18	4	3	63	18	40
APIA L.	26	19	2	5	59	17	40	Marconi	26	18	3	5	64	22	39
Bl'twn C.	26	15	4	7	52	30	34	Nepean	25	14	6	5	41	17	34
Sthn. D.	26	13	2	11	72	35	28	Cent. C.	25	15	3	7	56	42	33
Auburn	25	12	3	10	57	56	27	C'bury	26	16	0	10	65	44	32
B'ham H.	26	13	1	12	53	39	27	Rockdale	26	7	8	11	22	37	22
Melita	26	12	2	12	44	52	26	Bl'twn A.	26	6	10	10	27	43	22
Ku-'gai	25	9	3	13	35	42	21	G'dille	25	7	7	11	30	48	21
Croatia	26	8	4	14	43	43	20	Syd C.	25	7	6	12	25	43	20
Bks'town	24	5	6	13	21	49	16	N. B'stn	26	3	11	12	24	46	17
Mac'thur	26	7	2	17	28	56	16	Manly	26	4	7	15	14	33	15
C'bury	24	1	2	21	12	120	4	Granville	26	2	5	19	11	74	10
Yugal	26	1	0	25	13	137	2	Avala	26	3	3	20	18	72	9

U15															
GROUP A								GROUP B							
APIA L.	26	20	3	3	88	25	43	Syd O.	25	20	1	4	103	27	41
St George	26	18	5	3	63	21	41	Granville	26	18	5	3	74	26	41
Bl'twn C.	26	17	4	5	56	21	38	Nepean	25	17	5	3	65	24	39
Sthn. D.	26	14	4	8	44	29	32	S'land	25	16	6	3	78	29	38
C'bury	25	12	6	7	41	37	30	Marconi	26	16	6	4	68	26	38
Bks'town	25	13	3	9	54	35	29	C'bury	26	13	6	7	48	34	32
Ku-gal	25	10	8	7	23	20	28	Manly	26	12	5	9	63	36	29
Illawarra	26	11	3	12	45	46	25	Syd C.	25	9	5	11	43	52	23
Croatia	26	7	10	9	38	41	24	Avala	26	7	7	12	37	46	21
B'ham H.	26	9	4	13	44	58	22	Cent. C.	25	6	6	13	38	54	18
Mac'thur	26	8	4	14	26	46	20	G'dille	25	3	7	15	20	56	13
Auburn	25	3	5	17	15	49	11	N. Bk'twn	26	3	6	17	13	73	12
Yugal	26	3	3	20	15	72	9	Bl'twn A.	26	3	3	20	16	90	9
Melita	26	2	4	20	17	69	8	Rockdale	26	2	0	24	16	109	4

U16

GROUP A								GROUP B							
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Bl'twn C.	26	21	4	1	100	9	46	Syd O.	25	22	2	1	92	13	46
St George	26	21	4	1	98	12	46	Marconi	25	18	5	2	69	10	41
Auburn	25	18	6	1	73	12	42	Granville	25	16	4	5	46	28	36
APIA L.	26	18	4	4	101	13	40	S'land	25	12	8	5	37	19	32
Melita	25	14	5	6	68	24	33	Avala	26	11	7	8	45	36	29
Ku-gal	25	12	5	8	36	29	29	Cent-M.	25	11	6	8	33	29	28
Croatia	25	13	1	11	44	46	27	Nepean	25	11	5	9	46	34	27
Illawarra	25	10	3	12	57	37	23	Manly	26	9	7	10	33	40	25
B. Hills	26	9	3	14	41	73	21	C. Coast	25	10	4	11	46	45	24
C'bury	23	7	1	15	36	63	15	Bl'twn A.	26	11	2	13	40	50	24
Bnk'town	24	5	3	16	22	72	13	G'ville	25	6	7	12	26	34	19
Mac'thur	26	2	4	20	14	99	8	Syd. C.	24	3	6	15	18	42	12
Sthn. D.	26	2	3	21	25	106	7	N. Bk'twn	26	2	4	20	15	69	8
Yugal	26	1	2	23	10	130	4	Rockdale	24	0	1	23	9	105	1

TOUR HELP REQUIRED

A GERMAN youth team wants to tour Australia in July-August 1985, and require teams to billet them during their stay.

The team is a state selection of players aged from 16 to 18, coached by two ex-first division

players. The party will include 16 players and four to six adults, and they hope to play in New South Wales and Victoria.

Any clubs who could assist with accommodation and games contact Arno Kohl, phone (02) 357 3360 (home), 358 1144 (work).

MCS JOINT CHAMPIONS

MARIST BROTHERS Eastwood and Benedict College Auburn were declared joint champions of the Metropolitan Catholic Schools after a close grand final at Melita Stadium last Thursday.

The teams ended scoreless after extra-time thanks to some sterling defence from both sides late in the game.

Steve Lukic went close to putting Auburn ahead in the fourth minute when his eight metre drive flashed past the post.

For Eastwood, Andrew McCranor was constantly probing, but just before half-time Auburn goalkeeper Adam Olah made a brilliant save.

Later Olah made another great save to foil Eastwood striker Scott McKinnon and be classed as man of the match.

Tony Krslovic scored both goals in Patrician Brothers Fairfield 2-0

win over Marist Brothers Parramatta in the year 10 (Open) Division grand final.

His first goal from a free-kick went under the diving body of goalkeeper Greg Byrnes, whilst the second was slotted in following a neat build-up from Neil Esho. Man of the match went to Laurent Le Feuvre.

Benedict College Auburn edged out Newman High Greystanes for a 2-1 win in a closely contested Under 14 final.

Vincent Scarcella scored both goals and was man of the match.

Rick Grima reduced Newman's arrears with a fine header from Steven Kardum's cross.

Attending the final

were well-known personalities Les Scheinflug, Alan Vest, Eric Worthington, Donald Agius, Keith Charles and Peter Sharne, and Brother Christopher and Brother Mark, the

principals of Patrician Brothers Fairfield and Benedict College Auburn respectively.

Convenor Maurice Gili must be congratulated for a fine job.

— GEORGE STREETER

WESTERN NSW EVENTS

MITCHELL Association's KO tournament at Lithgow on Sunday, July 29 is one of an important list of Soccer events to be staged over the balance of the season in Western NSW.

TURNER CUP NEEDS GENEROUS SPONSOR

BY KEITH GILMOUR

THE Turner Cup, for Under 15 School teams from the Government, Catholic and Private sectors of education, needs a sponsor.

This magnificent concept of spreading Soccer in the schools brought some 270 entries this year.

It is on the verge of becoming the biggest schools sporting competition in NSW.

Whereas other Soccer competitions for schoolboys and schoolgirls are held on a Departmental basis, the Turner Cup has provided for everyone.

Power

In Sydney alone, the public high schools are fast being challenged by the increasing power of a whole range of schools.

Running through the list of 141 schools from the six Sydney divisions is an education in itself.

Here is a sample: Knox Grammar, St Aloysius College, St Pius X Chatswood, Pittwater Grammar, Australian Independent International School, Gil-

roy College, Holy Family H.S., St Columba's, Blue Mountains Grammar, Christian Community H.S., De La Salle Ashfield, St Andrews Cathedral, Cranbrook School, Moriah War Memorial College and St John Bosco.

So far the organisers have received some assistance, with the Northern NSW Soccer Federation helping to meet administrative costs.

The amount required to put the conduct of the Turner Cup "in the black" is not huge; in fact it is quite reasonable by any standard.

Teachers through the various educational regions of NSW conduct the matches on shoestring budgets.

What is now needed is a company which will put the icing on the cake.

Sydney provides half the number of entries to the competition.

This is how the Syd-

CUP GAMES AT MARCONI

BY JOHN MOSCOVIS

THE "Sydney final" of the Turner Cup will be played at Marconi Stadium on Monday August 6, at 7pm. Important divisional finals will be played next Monday night at Marconi as well.

Latest situation in the final 16 qualification stakes is: 1. Upper North Coast: Richmond River. 2. Lower North Coast: Orara (Coffs Harbour). 3. Newcastle A: Cessnock 4. Newcastle B: Wallsend. 5. North West: Oxley or Armidale. 6. Newcastle C: Booragul. 7. Central Coast: 8. Sydney 1: Killarney Heights. 9. Sydney 2: Northmead. 10. Sydney 3: St Dominic's Penrith. 11. Sydney 4: Elderslie or Patrician Bros Fairfield. 12. Sydney 5: Concord or Canterbury. 13. Sydney 6: Bankstown or Christian Bros Sutherland. 14. South Coast: Corral. 15. Far West: Conobolas (Orange). 16. ACT - Riverina.

Of the 12 Turner Cup U15 divisional finalists, four were from the Catholic schools system.

It is the first time that Catholic schools have reached these positions and no doubt a precedent has been set for the years to come.

The charge is led by St Dominic's College Penrith. Coached by Mark Nile, they came home to take a final 16 place at the expense of Cambridge Park.

ney entries have grown: 1980, 59 schools; 1981, 64; 1982, 109; 1983, 126, 1984, 141.

Bill Turner, who se prodigious work in the Hunter area led to the Cup being set up, believes that a sponsor will receive a great reward from association with the Cup.

He said: "The whole structure is there al-

ready. The sponsor does not have to back a pig in a poke.

"We started with a concept that was worthwhile.

"Although entries are huge from the far north to the far south of the State, and from Sydney to the distant west, the growth potential is far greater still.

"Our organisation is

certain that a few hundred more secondary schools will ultimately enter.

"When this happens, the Cup will be far and away the biggest of any code in Australia."

Any company or businessman who wishes to investigate the sponsorship will find that Bill Turner 049-54 8136 (H) or John Moscovis 02-848 9546 (H) are only too ready to provide the details.



THIS photo comes from the final trial game in preparation for selection of the Riverina team. Peter Sutherland (left) shows complete concentration and fine style as he gets rid of the ball under close challenge from Nicky Andronicus. The players come from the Ashmont and Albury City clubs respectively.

RIVERINA PREPARES

BY FRANK FINLAY

THE Riverina squad for the games against the Young Socceroos will be named in about four weeks time.

The final selection trials were held at the Wodonga Diamond Oval on July 7.

Closely watched by the selectors, the 25 candidates played a "we mean business" type of game.

The promotional committee will meet

shortly to set out arrangements through to October 28.

The first shots in the plan to obtain the National Youth team were fired back in April 1983, when the committee chairman Barry Sadlier of Wagga first broached the subject.



The Blacktown Association U14 team

CARUSO CLICKS FOR BLACKTOWN

DAVID CARUSO captain and sweeper of the Blacktown District Under 14 Youth League team, is the Association's first NSW representative player.

Blacktown Association has been in exist-

ence for six years and David has been a representative player for five of them.

He has amassed a total of 100 games for his district so it seems that his NSW selection represents justice in more ways than one.

Following David's initial selection in the "train-on" squad, the team sponsor Logan Farms (Aust) Pty Ltd presented David with a pair of football boots to mark his efforts.

This certainly marks his efforts in reaching



DAVID CARUSO

such a high level in the sport and will act as an incentive to other Blacktown squad members.

The season has been somewhat disappointing for U14 coach Chris Bell, who had put a lot of off-season work into the squad.

However two bright spots appeared — David Caruso's selection and the obtaining of Logan's Farms as the U14 sponsor.

BARKER DIES



IAN BARKER, the Albury-Wodonga Soccer Association secretary, has passed away at the Albury Mercy Hospital after a short illness.

Aged 50, he came to Albury from Melbourne as a child and became one of the best all-round sportsmen in the Border complex.

He was a foundation member of both the local association

and the Albury Hots-purs Soccer Club.

During the past 30 years he promoted Soccer, tennis, squash and hockey and helped raise the \$100,000 for the Margaret Smith Tennis Pavilion.

The funeral was attended by a host of Soccer officials, players and fans.

As secretary of the AWSA for 11 years, his work to build Soccer was prodigious indeed.

— FRANK FINLAY

GOAL HUNGRY WOLF CUBS!

SO far this season, the Illawarra-Wollongong City U14 Youth League team has scored 107 goals and conceded only four from 22 outings.

They lead their group and were the only undefeated side in the two U14 groups.

Five players from the team were selected to trial for the U14 NSW State team to compete

in the national titles in Newcastle in September. Four of them were finally chosen.

Simon Hull, who along with Jamie Warren has scored 29 goals, is the joint top goal-

scorer for the club.

He lost his place in the State team - apparently because of his inability to score goals!

He played a major part in helping the 1983 NSW State team win the national title in Alice Springs last year.



Illawarra players chosen for the NSW U14 squad (from left): Jeff Allport, Mineo Bonetig, Jamie Warren, Ian Padewski, whilst Simon Hull missed out

SERDERON THE PLASTIC MAN PRIZE

SERDERON PTY LTD, Sydney's Polythene Distributors, will award \$1,000, split between five lucky junior clubs, associations, schools and organisations for their contributions to ASW for the period April 3 to September 25, 1984.



These can be in story and/or pictorial form. Photographs should be in black and white and have good contrast, although colour snaps will usually turn out satisfactorily.

The prize are: 1st \$500, 2nd \$250, 3rd \$100, 4th \$100, 5th \$50. The decision of the editorial staff of ASW will be final.



REAL MADRID are being sued by their British import Laurie Cunningham, formerly with West Bromwich Albion. Cunningham claims Real owe him \$160,000 in back pay.

BARCELONA BIDS FOR SANCHEZ

BARCELONA now seem unlikely to buy Steve Archibald from Tottenham Hotspur, even though manager Terry Venables is still keen to get him.

Although Venables offered a million pounds clear for the player, Barcelona's directors would rather buy Mexican Hugo Sanchez, the 24 year-old goalscoring star at present with Atletico Madrid.

Venables doesn't know much about Sanchez but he has been given videos of the Mexican in action and has been told that Sanchez would fit in better than Archibald at Nou Camp.

Sanchez scored 24 goals for Atletico last season while Archibald was getting 28 goals for Spurs.

Barcelona made an offer of \$1,700,000 for Sanchez last week but Atletico told them to double that figure!

Barcelona's leaning

towards Sanchez is understandable even if Venables doesn't agree with it.

The Mexican ace has had three years in Spanish football, speaks the language and could be bought for pesetas without dipping into foreign currency to sign a foreigner.

Archibald is sweating on the deal because he's been told he would pick up \$3,200 a week, plus bonuses, with Barcelona.

If Sanchez cannot be signed, Barcelona will have a second think about Archibald.

VIOLENCE UPSET MENOTTI

ONE of the reasons Cesar Luis Menotti got away from Barcelona was his disenchantment with the rough and tough style of football favoured by many Spanish clubs.

At Barcelona, Menotti did a lot to clean up that club's terrible image but he was disgusted by the tactics used by Athletic Bilbao to win the "double" of League and Cup.

"I would not pay money to watch Bilbao play," said Menotti.

"If Spanish clubs are not careful, they will allow violence to tear their game apart."

A MOVE FOR PENZA

REMEMBER Domenico Penza?

He was on tour in Australia with Italy's Juventus a few weeks ago, but did not look a particularly impressive player.

Penza, however, must have impressed Napoli. He has just been transferred to that club to team up with headline forward Diego Maradona.

Juventus received a fee of \$500,000 for Penza.



VIOLENT ITALY

ITALIAN football fans seem keen to behave as badly as their British counterparts, who are hated throughout Europe.

During the 1983-84 Italian Championship, crowd misbehaviour and general thuggery. Dangerous fireworks

were set off at matches, flags designed to antagonise people were waved, drums and war cries incited spectators to invade the playing areas, vehicles were attacked, bottles were thrown and spectators were injured ... even killed.

The trouble-makers were mostly students and unemployed labourers.

Even Zico, the so-called Brazilian, had his share of the action. Some hoodlums desecrated a grave and placed a skull and crossbones outside his home.

A message with it read: "Whoever believes in Zico will die!"

FERNANDO CHALANA was one of Portugal's top performers in the European Championship but he has decided to move to France, the country which won the Championship.

Chalana has joined Bordeaux on a three-year contract.

THE WORLD GAME



NOADES HELPS ITALY

THERE is plenty of controversy in England about the way transfer deals between English and Italian clubs have been handled.

Ron Noades, chairman of Crystal Palace, has admitted that he played a leading role in the transfers of Ray Wilkins and Mark Hateley to A.C. Milan.

It is most unusual for an official of a club to become involved in transfer business in other clubs.

Noades claims he didn't receive a cent from those deals which saw nearly \$4,000,000 changing hands.

He has strong ties with A.C. Milan and, in fact, advised the Italians a year ago NOT to buy Luther Blissett from Watford — but they didn't listen.



ALAN DICKS

CYPRUS GETS DICKS

CYPRUS club Apollon of Limassol has appointed Alan Dicks as manager on a one-year contract.

Dicks had a long run as boss of Bristol City.

One of his players at Limassol will be Ross Jenkins, the former Watford forward.

GREAT DAY FOR IRISH!

SURELY the most unlikely team in the European Cup Winners Cup draw is University College of Dublin.

The Republic of Ireland students, who boast a regular home crowd of 200, were drawn against Wembley winners, Everton.

UCD have been in the League of Ireland for only five of their 90 years history and have done so badly, they were threatened last year with being thrown out.

But last season, they beat Shamrock Rovers with an extra-time goal in the last minute of the Cup Final replay — a result which earned them their date with Everton.

Gerry Horkan, chairman and president of

UCD, claims his team is the first university side in the western world to qualify for a European competition.

Incidentally, the Irish Cup was stolen after UCD won it, but the thief had remorse of conscience and handed it back.

When UCD were bracketed with Everton at the Geneva draw, their coach Theo Dunne had an apt remark: "Bless us and save us, I don't believe it."

Here's another strange twist, coach Dunne is a member of the Everton Supporters Club!

ITALIANS ASK FOR \$700,000

A.C. MILAN have placed a transfer fee of \$700,000 on Luther Blissett, the ex-Watford forward who just couldn't score goals in Italy.

Watford are bidding to get him back but their offer of \$375,000 was rejected by Milan.

Blissett has two years to run on his contract with the Italian team. A year ago, the big black man cost A.C. Milan \$1,700,000. This suggests his value has slumped by more than \$1,000,000 in one year. That's devaluation with a vengeance!

LUTHER BLISSETT



WHEN teams from the "two Irelands" meet in Europe, anything could happen, which is why UEFA hopes everything passes off peacefully in the European Cup game between Shamrock Rovers (Dublin) and Linfield (Belfast).

The last time teams from Northern Ireland and the Republic were in action, there were serious riots in the first leg match.

UEFA then ordered the second leg to be played in a foreign country. It was staged in Harlem, a suburb of Amsterdam.

MILAN STAR IN HURRY

MARK HATELEY had to make up his mind quickly about his surprise transfer to A.C. Milan.

But he speedily set the wheels in motion, selling all his house furniture in one day and inviting prospective home buyers to view the house immediately after he signed forms for the Italian club.

Hateley's next problem is finding a good home for Caesar, the family's bull mastiff.

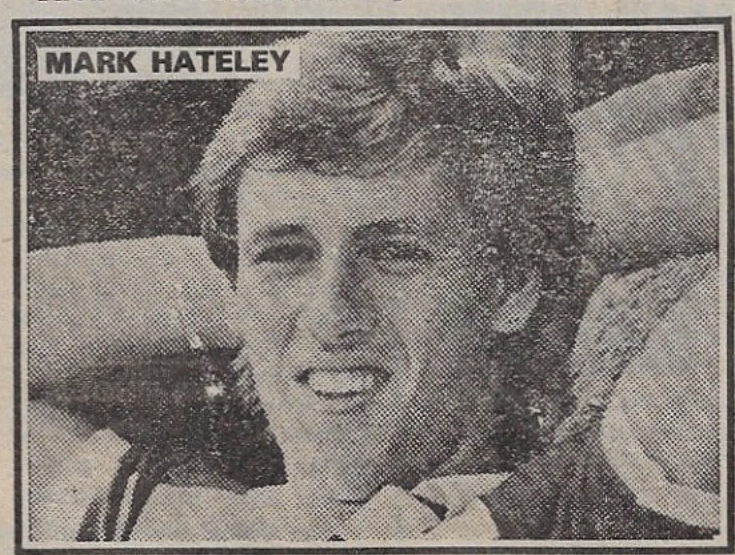
The former Portsmouth player didn't take long to realise he is being treated as a top star in Milan.

In a restaurant there, he asked the waiter: "What time do you close?" Back came the

reply: "Not until such a famous footballer wishes to leave."

Then the restaurant

owner came over to say there was no charge for Hateley's meal. "Pay in goals," he said.



MARK HATELEY

TONY'S BIG CHANCE

TONY DORIGO, the 18-year-old full-back from South Australia, could help put \$350,000 into Aston Villa's bank account.

Dorigo, who paid his own way to Birmingham to trial with Villa, looked so impressive in reserve team games that he is pencilled in for a first team job in the new season.

If this happens, Villa would be able to sell left-back Colin Gibson to West Ham United who have already made a bid of \$350,000 for him.

Gibson is a prime target for West Ham because a replacement is urgently needed for long-serving Frank Lampard, who will be 36 in a couple of months.



TONY DORIGO

TV PLAN FOR THIS YEAR

TEN English first division matches will be covered "live" on TV in the coming season, with Liverpool definitely top of the pops.

Four of Liverpool's matches will be on the box ... against Manchester United, Spurs, Tottenham Hotspur and Nottingham Forest.

The United game is the only one at Anfield, because "live" cameras can visit each ground only once.

Sky-high ratings are assured for all Liverpool TV games.



BLAST FOR BRAT

BRIAN CLOUGH, the outspoken "voice" of Nottingham Forest, has been having a look at the Wimbledon tennis and is not at all happy about a man called John McEnroe.

Even though McEnroe was on his best behaviour this time, Clough insists: "I'd like to clip him round the ear."

"His attitude on court implies to youngsters that, if you have the talent, behaviour and ignorance don't matter."

"McEnroe, because of his rantings and ravings, leaves me with a nasty taste in the mouth," added Clough.

GRAHAM TURNER, Shrewsbury Town's player-manager, is the surprise choice as Aston Villa's new team manager.

Turner is not one of the glamour bosses but he has done some good work with unfashion-

BRIAN CLOUGH GETS TOUGH

VIV ANDERSON and **Ian Bowyer**, two of the stars of the Nottingham Forest team which was in Australia recently, have not signed new agreements with the club.

Manager Brian Clough is getting tired of waiting.

In a typical ultimatum to any unsettled player, Clough said: "I will talk to anyone who wants to stay at Forest but players who want to leave will be lucky to get 30 seconds of my time."

"I have just signed Chris Fairclough on a new three-year contract and he was the one who took the initiative. It was a pleasure talking to him about his future with Nottingham Forest."

able Shrewsbury.

He must have something going for him because there were more than 40 applicants for the Villa position.

Villa, in fact, tried to lure Ron Atkinson from Manchester United a few days before appointing Turner.

Atkinson has strong Midlands connections ... indeed he played for Aston Villa as an amateur 30 years ago and was manager of West Brom before moving to Manchester.

When he was offered the Villa job last week, Atkinson said: "I have the best job in football and am perfectly happy at Old Trafford."



RON ATKINSON

FANS FACE BAN

THE 20 National Front people who plagued England on the South American tour may be banned from every football ground in England.

English F.A. chairman Bert Millichip and Britain's Sports Minister Neil Macfarlane met last week to consider such a ban.

"We have photographs, names and some addresses and we are following up these leads in the hope of getting an injunction to ban these people from attending any match anywhere," said Millichip, a solicitor.

Nine of the trouble-makers, who insulted Jews and black men during the tour, claim to be Chelsea supporters.

Ken Bates, Chelsea's chairman, says he will shut them out of Stamford Bridge if he can get positive identification.

ANYBODY WANT SCUNTHORPE?

SCUNTHORPE UNITED have been put on the transfer market!

The whole club is up for grabs because of ever-increasing cash debts, but there is no rush from potential buyers.

Chairman David Wraith has advertised the sale because he believes Scunthorpe cannot continue without more money.

Wraith, a builder, said: "I don't believe we can ask manager Allan Clarke to get a good squad from players on the free transfer list. We want to be successful."

Scunthorpe were relegated to fourth division this year and chairman Wraith spent more than \$160,000 of his own money to try to keep them up.

Two of England's greatest international stars kicked off their headline careers with Scunthorpe United. The pair? Kevin Keegan and Ray Clemence, both of whom were snapped up by Bill Shankly for Liverpool.



ALLAN CLARKE, the Scunthorpe manager

SWINDON TOWN is not the most glamorous of clubs but plenty of big names are interested in taking over there as manager.

Latest for interview is Derby County's Archie Gemmill. Others whose names have been linked with Swindon are Billy Bonds, Lou Macari, Kenny Hibbitt, Gordon Lee and Alan Durban.



ARCHIE GEMMILL

SUNDERLAND forward Gary Rowell has moved to Norwich City on a free transfer.

Another free transfer last week took Willie Donachie from Burnley to Oldham Athletic.

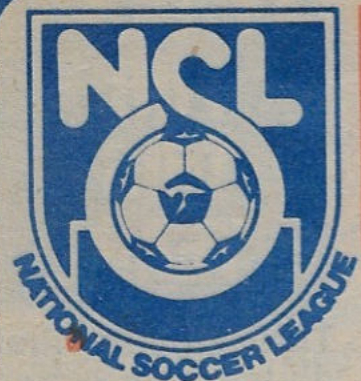
Donachie, a Scottish international left-back, used to be a star with Manchester City.

MANCHESTER UNITED could still make more big-name signings before the season kicks off.

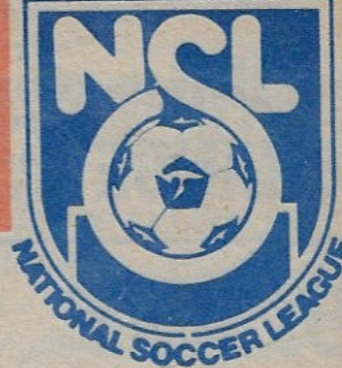
They are interested in Australia's Craig Johnston, who is delaying signing a new contract with Liverpool, and also in unsettled Southampton midfielder Steve Williams.



IAN BOWYER (left) is overshadowed by Australia's Peter Katholos in the World Series. Bowyer is running out of time with manager Brian Clough.



NATIONAL SOCCER LEAGUE



INTER-CONFERENCE ROUND
JULY 28-29

NEWCASTLE ROSEBUD

v

GREEN GULLY

Adamstown Oval 2.30pm
SATURDAY

BRISBANE CITY

v

PARRA MELITA EAGLES

Spencer Park 3pm

CANBERRA ARROWS

v

FOOTSCRAY

National Sports Centre 3pm

WEST ADELAIDE

v

ST GEORGE

Hindmarsh Stadium 2.30pm

SYDNEY CROATIA

v

ADELAIDE CITY

Marconi Stadium 2pm
(DOUBLE-HEADER)

MARCONI

v

BRUNSWICK JUVENTUS

Marconi Stadium 4pm
(DOUBLE-HEADER)



TONY MORSELLO (Leichhardt)



JOE MULLEN (Adelaide City)



GARY MEIER (Sydney Olympic)

BLACKTOWN CITY

v

BRISBANE LIONS

Gabbie Stadium 3pm

MELBOURNE CROATIA

v

SYDNEY OLYMPIC

Olympic Park 3pm

SOUTH MELBOURNE

v

SYDNEY CITY

Middle Park 3pm

HEIDELBERG

v

LEICHHARDT

Olympic Village 3pm

PRESTON

v

PENRITH CITY

Connor Res 3pm

SUNSHINE GEORGE CROSS

v

WOLLONGONG CITY

Chaplin Res 3pm